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12/30/16 Higgins Declaration

Rosemarie S. Lewis, Esq. SBN: 158891 Jeffrey Z. Liu, Esq. SBN: 276849 BORTON PETRINI, LLP 626 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 975 Los Angeles, California 90017 Tel: (213) 624-2869 Fax: (213) 489-3930 mtrostler@bortonpetrini.com Attorneys for Cross-Defendants W.R. GRACE & COMPANY and Grace Davison SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL JUDICIAL DISTRICT 10 11 TIG INSURANCE COMPANY, Case No. BC173952 12 A California corporation, Transferred to the Honorable Judge Richard Fruin 13 Plaintiff, Department 15 14 DECLARATION OF ROGER J. HIGGINS IN v. SUPPORT OF W.R. GRACE COMPANY GARY SMOLKER, an individual, and ALICE AND GRACE DAVISON'S MOTION TO SMOLKER, an individual; and DOES 1-10, DISMISS FOR FAILURE TO BRING 16 inclusive, ACTION TO TRIAL WITHIN FIVE YEARS AS REQUIRED BY CODE OF CIVIL 17 Defendants. PROCEDURE §583.310, §583.360. 18GARY SMOLKER, Date: January 17, 2017 Time: 8:30 a.m. 19 Cross-Complainant, Place: Department 15 Reservation No.: N/A 20 21 HOME SAVINGS TERMITE CONTROL, INC., et No Trial Date Set al,, 22 Cross-Defendants 23 24 25 26 27

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Declaration of Roger J. Higgins

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- 1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify. I am the principal in The Law Offices of Roger Higgins, LLC, with its office in Chicago, Illinois. I am admitted to practice law in the State of Illinois. I have inactive licenses in Washington, D.C., and the State of California. I am one of the attorneys representing W. R. Grace & Co., and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn., the two remaining reorganized debtors (collectively, "Grace" or the "Reorganized Debtors") in the chapter 11 cases captioned, In re W. R. Grace & Co., et al., Case No. 01-01139 (KG) (the "Chapter 11 Cases"). All facts set forth in this Declaration are based on my personal knowledge, on information supplied to me by employees of and/or professionals retained by the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, and on my experience and knowledge of the matters set forth herein. If called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts and opinions contained herein. This declaration is filed to supplement Grace's Notice of Motion and Motion to Dismiss for Failure to Bring Action to Trial Within Five Years as Required by Code of Civil Procedure §583.310, §583.360, originally filed on December 6, 2016 (the "Dismissal Motion").
- 2. On August 27, 2001, Gary S. Smolker ("Smolker" or the "Plaintiff"), the pro se plaintiff in the above-captioned litigation (the "California State Litigation"), filed a claim (designated Claim no. 392) asserting property damage to Mr. Smolker's condominium relating to termite extermination.²

Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in, as the case may be, the Dismissal Motion, The Reorganized Debtors' Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection), filed January 30, 2015 [Docket no. 32497] (the "Claim Objection," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A) or the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code of W. R. Grace & Co., et al., the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants, the Asbestos PI Future Claimants' Representative, and the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders as Modified Through December 23, 2010 [Docket No. 26368] (as it may be amended or supplemented, the "Plan").

A copy of the docket for January 30, 2015, through March 4, 2015, is attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Grace Bankruptcy Docket").

Mr. Smolker is a licensed attorney who is representing himself.

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Claim no. 392 is based solely on Mr. Smolker's claims in the California State Litigation. On January 30, 2015, the Reorganized Debtors filed their Claim Objection. Grace Bankruptcy Docket. The Claim Objection was served by first class mail on Mr. Smolker at the following address:

(Counsel for Appellant, Gary S. Smolker, in Pro Per) Gary S. Smolker, Esquire Law Offices of Gary S. Smolker 16055 Ventura Blvd., Suite 525 Encino, CA 91436-2609

Certificate of Service, dated January 30, 2015 [Docket no. 32497-9] (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C). On February 3, 2015, an amended notice of the Claim Objection was served by first class mail on Mr. Smolker at the same address. Certificate of Service, dated February 3, 2015 [Docket no. 32501] (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit D).

- 3. On February 22, 2015, Mr. Smolker faxed a response to the Claim Objection to various counsel for the Reorganized Debtors. Mr. Smolker's 2/22/15 Response (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit E). On February 25, 2015, Mr. Smolker faxed a second response to the Claim Objection. Grace Bankruptcy Docket; Claimant Gary S. Smolker's Response to The Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et. al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Superior Court), Dated January 30, 2015 ("The 37th Omnibus Objection") [Docket no. 32510] (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit F).
- 4. On March 3, 2015, Mr. Smolker called me at my office to discuss the hearing scheduled for March 4, 2015, on the Claim Objection and to discuss the form of order to be handed up. G. Smolker 3/3/15 E-Mail Correspondence (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit G). Later that morning, I sent Mr. Smolker e-mail correspondence containing the form of order containing the modifications we had discussed in our telephone conference. R. Higgins 3/3/15 E-Mail Correspondence (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit H). Mr. Smolker responded by e-mail, acknowledging

receipt of the form of order and our telephone conference of earlier that morning. G. Smotker 3/3/15 E-Mail Correspondence. 5. On March 4, 2015, the Court entered its Order Lifting Injunction in Propetition Litigation ì Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janays, J.) (Substantive Objection) [Docket no. 32518] (the "Lift Injunction Order"). A copy of the Lift Injunction Order is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. On the same date, a copy of the Lift Injunction Order was served by first class mail on Mr. Smolker at the address set forth above. Affidavit of Service, dated March 4, 2015 [Docket no. 32522] (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit I). Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the Ġ, 10 United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct 11 12 13 Principal 14 The Law Offices of Roger Higgins, LLC 15 SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me. this 7" day of December 2016 17 18 Notary Public My Commission Expires: 20 21 "OFFICIAL SEAL" 22 Maureen M Thomas Notary Public, State of Illinois My Commission Expires 11/1/2019 23 24 25 26

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Chapter 11
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1) Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)) (Jointly Administered)
Reorganized Debtors.)
· ·	Hearing Date: March 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Objection Deadline: March 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF THIRTY-SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS FILED REGARDING PREPETITION LITIGATION CAPTIONED, <u>TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET AL.</u>, CASE NO. BC 173952 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUP. CT.) (JANAVS, J.) (SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION)

TO: (i) The Reorganized Debtors; (ii) Office of the United States Trustee; (iii) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PI Trust; (iv) Counsel for the Asbestos PI Future Claimants Representative; (v) Counsel for the Asbestos PD Futures Claimants Representative; (vi) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PD Trust (7A); (vii) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PD Trust (7B); (viii) Counsel for the CDN ZAI PD Claims Fund; (ix) those parties that requested service and notice of papers in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002; (x) the Claimants; and (xi) the parties listed on the proof of service mailing list for the California State Court Litigation.

On January 30, 2015, the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Reorganized Debtors") filed the attached Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection) (the "Objection") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (the "Bankruptcy Court"). A true and correct copy of the Objection is attached hereto.

The Reorganized Debtors comprise W. R. Grace & Co. (f/k/a Grace Specialty Chemicals, Inc., or "Grace") and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. ("Grace-Conn.").

Responses to the relief requested in the Objection, if any, must be in writing and be filed with the Bankruptcy Court no later than 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on January 12, 2015. At the same time, you must also serve a copy of the objections or responses, if any, upon the following: (i) co-counsel for the Reorganized Debtors, Adam Paul, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 (fax 312-862-2200), Roger J. Higgins, The Law Offices of Roger Higgins, LLC, 1 North Bishop Street, Suite 14, Chicago, IL 60607 (fax 312-577-0737), and James E. O'Neill, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, DE 19899-8705 (Courier 19801) (fax 302-652-4400); (ii) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Michael Magzamen, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038-4982 (fax 212-806-6006), and Michael R. Lastowski, Duane, Morris & Heckscher, LLP, 1100 N. Market Street, Suite 1200, Wilmington, DE 19801-1246 (fax 302-657-4901); (iii) counsel to the Official Committee of Asbestos Property Damage Claimants, Scott L. Baena, Bilzin, Sumberg, Baena, Price & Axelrod, 1450 Brickell Avenue, Suite 2300, Miami, FL 33131 (fax 305-374-7593), and Michael B. Joseph, Ferry & Joseph, P.A., 824 Market Street, Suite 904, P.O. Box 1351, Wilmington, DE 19899 (fax 302-575-1714); (iv) counsel to the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants, Elihu Inselbuch, Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered, 375 Park Avenue, 35th Floor, New York, NY 10152-3500 (fax 212-644-6755), and Marla Eskin, Campbell & Levine, LLC, 222 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1620, Wilmington, DE 19801 (fax 302-426-9947); (v) counsel to the Official Committee of Equity Holders, Thomas M. Mayer, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022 (fax 212-715-8000), and Teresa K.D. Currier, Saul Ewing LLP, 222 Delaware Avenue P.O. Box 1266, Wilmington, DE 19899-1397 (fax 302-421-6813); (vi) counsel to the Asbestos PI Future Claimants' Representative, Richard H. Wyron,

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP, 1152 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005 (fax 202-339-8500), and John C. Phillips, Jr., Phillips, Goldman & Spence, P.A., 1200 North Broom Street, Wilmington, DE 19806 (fax 302-655-4210); (vii) the Office of the United States Trustee, Attn: Richard L. Schepecarter, Esquire, 844 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (fax number 302-573-6497); and (viii) counsel to the Asbestos PD Future Claimants' Representative, Karl Hill, Seitz, Van Ogtrop & Green, P.A., 222 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1500, P.O. Box 68, Wilmington, DE 19899 (fax 302-888-0606), and Alan B. Rich, Law Office of Alan B. Rich, Esq., 1201 Elm Street, Suite 4244, Dallas, TX 75270 (fax 214-749-0325).

IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE TIMELY FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BANKRUPTCY COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

IN THE EVENT THAT ANY OBJECTION OR RESPONSE IS FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, A HEARING ON THE MOTION WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE KEVIN J. CAREY AT THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, 824 MARKET STREET, FIFTH FLOOR, COURTROOM 5,

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WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801, ON MARCH 4, 2015, AT 10:00 A.M. PREVAILING

EASTERN TIME.

Dated: January 20, 2015

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W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1) Case No. 01-01139 (KJC) (Jointly Administered)
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THIRTY-SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS FILED REGARDING PREPETITION LITIGATION CAPTIONED, <u>TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET AL.</u>, CASE NO. BC 173952 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUP. CT.) (JANAVS, J.) (SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION)

In this Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition

Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952

(Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection) (the "37th Omnibus Objection" or "Claims Objection"), the above-captioned reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Reorganized Debtors" or "Grace," the pending bankruptcy cases being the "Chapter 11 Cases") have identified three claims (collectively, the "Claims") filed by various parties ("Claimants") to a litigation pending in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, captioned TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., et al., Case No. 2002CV000495 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.)

(Janavs, J.) (the "California State Court Litigation"). The Reorganized Debtors respectfully

The Reorganized Debtors comprise W. R. Grace & Co. (f/k/a Grace Specialty Chemicals, Inc., or "Grace") and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. ("Grace-Conn.").

The facts and circumstances set forth in this Objection are supported by the Declaration of Richard C. Finke in Support of the Reorganized Debtors' Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, <u>TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al.</u>, Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection) (the "Finke Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated into this Objection by reference.

Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Finke Declaration or the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code of W. R. Grace & Co., et al., the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants, the Asbestos PI Future Claimants'

request the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> (the "<u>Order</u>"): (a) to the extent that Plaintiff (as defined below) responds to this Claims Objection, permitting the California State Court Litigation to proceed to judgment; or (b) if Plaintiff does not respond to this Claims Objection, disallowing the Claims pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055.³

The Claim filed by Gary S. Smolker, a pro se plaintiff in the California State Court Litigation ("Smolker" or the "Plaintiff"), asserts property damage to his condominium relating to termite extermination. The Reorganized Debtors, Home Savings Termite Control, Inc. ("Termite Control") and Wayne Morris (who owns and operates Termite Control) are each cross-defendants in the California State Court Litigation. This litigation has been stayed as to the Reorganized Debtors, Termite Control and Mr. Morris since Petition Date. Termite Control and Mr. Morris have filed contingent, unliquidated proofs of claim in these Chapter 11 Cases. On information and belief, Plaintiff has made no attempt since the Reorganized Debtors' emergence to proceed with the California State Court Litigation or to otherwise prosecute his claim.

The Reorganized Debtors respectfully submit that they bear no liability in this litigation. But in view of the advanced state of the California State Court Litigation, they do not seek this Court's substantive disallowance of the Claims on the merits. They instead seek this Court's leave for the California State Court Litigation to proceed, *provided*, *however*, that to the extent

Representative, and the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders as Modified Through December 23, 2010 [Docket No. 26368] (as it may be amended or supplemented, the "Plan").

If Plaintiff responds to this Claims Objection prior to the Response Deadline, the Reorganized Debtors will submit the form of Order lifting the injunction set forth in Plan Art. 8.1.1, and permitting the California State Court Litigation to go forward. If Plaintiff does not respond prior to the Response Deadline, then the Reorganized Debtors will submit the form of Order disallowing the Claims based upon Smolker's failure to respond.

Mr. Smolker is a licensed attorney who is representing himself.

Plaintiff does not respond to this Claims Objection on or before the Response Deadline, the Reorganized Debtors seek this Court's disallowance of the Claims, pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055 and Del. Bankr. L. R. 7055-1.

In support of this Motion, the Reorganized Debtors respectfully state as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012.⁵ This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The predicates for this Claims Objection are section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code, Fed.R.Bankr.P. 3007 & 7055 and Del. Bankr. L.R. 3007-1 & 7055-1.

BACKGROUND

The Termite Extermination

3. As set forth in more detail in the opinion issued by the California State Court of Appeals in Smolker v. Pacific Villas Homeowners Ass'n., et al., 2007 Cal. App. Unpub. LEXIS 2155, 2007 WL 809683 (Cal. App. 2d Dist. Mar. 19, 2007), attached hereto as Exhibit C, in 1996, Smolker and his former wife, Alice Graham, owned a condominium unit in Pacific Villas, a six condominium complex in Playa del Rey, California. The property was a multi-story building, the common areas of which were owned in undivided equal interests by the six unit owners. The Pacific Villas Homeowners Association ("PVHOA") arranged for the hiring of Termite Control to treat the complex for termite infestation using amorphous silica aerogel, a

The Reorganized Debtors confirm their consent pursuant to Del. Bankr. L. R. 9013-1(f) to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Claims Objection to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

pesticide dust used to dehydrate and permanently eradicate termites. In October 1996, Termite Control carried out the extermination by injecting silica aerogel through drilled holes in the building's common area, the garage and the walls of the six units. Termite Control used Syloid 244, which is a trade name for a silica aerogel manufactured by the Reorganized Debtors' Davison division.

4. In late 1996 or early 1997, Smolker complained to PVHOA that he, Graham and their children were suffering certain adverse health effects that they attributed to the pesticide. In 1997, an industrial hygienist with the Los Angeles County Health Department concluded after conducting a visual inspection that "there was no reason for any health concerns with respect to the way the pesticide was applied." *Id.* at 9. This was not the end of the matter:

Throughout 1997, Smolker demanded that PVHOA, the other condominium owners, Termite Control, Grace, Grace Davison, all their respective insurance carriers and the Smokers' own insurance carriers pay for the following: tearing down his interior walls; [10] sealing the pesticide in the walls; installing and painting new interior walls; removing the air handling equipment; providing and operating a filtering system to remove any pesticide dust in their unit while the Smolkers lived elsewhere; and removing and replacing all personal property exposed to the pesticide dust, including all carpeting, soft furniture and children's soft toys.

Id. at 9-10.

5. There were other allegations raised by Smolker relating to certain roof repairs, pipe repairs and mold abatement that, upon information and belief, do not implicate the Reorganized Debtors or Termite Control or Mr. Morris.

The California State Court Litigation

6. In July 1997, TIG Insurance Company ("<u>TIG</u>"), the parent company of Truck Insurance Exchange, PVHOA's insurer, filed a declaratory relief action in the California State Court in connection with its denial of coverage for Smolker's claims. In October 1997, Smolker

filed a cross-complaint against the PVHOA, his fellow homeowners individually, the Reorganized Debtors, Termite Control, Mr. Morris and other parties for negligence and strict liability. These other parties included Albert J. Costello, the then chairman and chief executive officer of Grace and Grace-Conn., and James R. Hyde, at the time a senior vice president of Grace-Conn.

- 7. On November 8, 1999, the California State Court ordered Smolker to no longer name Messrs. Costello and Hyde in subsequent cross-complaints. *Id.* at 13-14. In December 2000, the California State Court granted summary judgment in favor of PVHOA. *Id.* at 15-16. Smolker appealed these orders (among others).
- 8. On April 2, 2001, the Chapter 11 Cases commenced, and a suggestion of bankruptcy was filed with the California State Court. The pending litigation was stayed as to the Reorganized Debtors, Termite Control and Mr. Morris. But Smolker's appeal continued, and on March 19, 2007, the California State Court of Appeals issued its opinion, affirming the California State Court's orders as described above, as well as affirming the California State Court's dismissal of Smolker's fellow homeowners and certain insurance companies from the lawsuit. The California State Court of Appeals also denied PVHOA's motion for attorneys' fees. See Exhibit C.

The Reorganized Debtors' Emergence From Chapter 11

9. On February 3, 2014, the Reorganized Debtors substantially consummated the transactions contemplated by the Plan and emerged from chapter 11. Notice of Occurrence of The Effective Date of The First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of The Bankruptcy Code of W. R. Grace and Co., et al, the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants, the Asbestos PI Future Claimants' Representative, and the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders As Modified Through December 23, 2010, dated February 13, 2014

[Docket no. 31732]. On March 19, 2014, the Court entered its Final Decree (A) Closing Certain of The Chapter 11 Cases, (B) Removing Certain of The Chapter 11 Cases From The Joint Administration Order, and (C) Waiving the Requirement That the Reorganized Debtors File a Final Report For the Merged Subsidiaries [Docket no. 31880], which closed the cases of 45 of the Reorganized Debtors (the "Merged Subsidiaries Case Closing Order"). On October 14, 2014, the Court entered its Final Decree: (A) Closing Certain of the Chapter 11 Cases; (B) Removing Such Cases From the Joint Administration Order; and (C) Waiving The Requirement to File a Final Report For Such Cases [Docket no. 32429], closing a further 15 cases. Grace and Grace-Conn. are the only remaining Reorganized Debtors with open Ch. 11 cases.

RELIEF REQUESTED

10. The Reorganized Debtors request that the Court enter the Order substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>: (a) to the extent that Smolker responds to this Claims Objection, permitting the California State Court Litigation proceed to judgment; or (ii) if Smolker does not respond to this Claims Objection, disallowing the Claims pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055.

PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO THE CLAIMS OBJECTION

11. To contest any of the objections set forth in this Claims Objection, Claimants must file and serve a written response to this Claims Objection (a "Response") so that it is received no later than 4:00 p.m. ET, on March 2, 2015 (the "Response Deadline"). The Response (or each Response, if more than one is filed) must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Clerk") at the following address:

824 Market Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801 12. Each such Response must also be served upon the following co-counsel to the Reorganized Debtors on or before the Response Deadline:

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- 13. Every Response to this Claims Objection must contain, at a minimum, the following:
 - a. A caption setting forth the name of the Court, the name of the Reorganized Debtors, the case number, and the title of the Claims Objection to which the Response is directed:
 - b. The name of the Claimant, its claim number, and a description of the basis for the amount of the claim;
 - c. The specific factual basis and supporting legal argument upon which the party will rely in opposing the Claims Objection;
 - d. Any supporting documentation, to the extent it was not included with the proof of claim previously filed with the Clerk or Claims Agent, upon which the party will rely to support the basis for and amounts asserted in the proof of claim;
 - e. The name, address, telephone number, and fax number of the person(s) (which may be the Claimant or the Claimant's legal representative) with whom counsel for the Reorganized Debtors should communicate with respect to the claim or the objection thereto, and who possesses authority to reconcile, settle, or otherwise resolve the objection to the Disputed Claim on behalf of the Claimant.

14. If a Claimant fails to file and serve a timely Response (or Responses), the Reorganized Debtors may present to the Court an appropriate order disallowing and expunging that Claimant's claim or claims without further notice to the Claimant or a hearing.

REPLY TO RESPONSE

The Reorganized Debtors reserve the right to, at their option, file and serve one or more replies to Claimants' Responses, if any.

SEPARATE CONTESTED MATTER

16. If a Claimant files a Response to this Objection, and the Claimant and the Reorganized Debtors are unable to resolve that Response, the corresponding claim and the objection by the Reorganized Debtors thereto asserted in this Claims Objection shall constitute a separate contested matter as contemplated by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014. Any order entered by the Court regarding an objection asserted in the Claims Objection shall be deemed a separate order with respect to each such claim.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

17. The Reorganized Debtors hereby reserve the right to object in the future to any of the Claims. The Reorganized Debtors further reserve the right to amend, modify, and/or supplement this Objection, including, without limitation, to object to amended claims and newly-filed claims. Separate notice and hearing will be scheduled for any such objection.

No Previous Objection

18. No previous objection to these Claims has been filed, nor has any other motion for the relief sought herein been made to this or any other court.

NOTICE

19. Notice of this Motion has been given to: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee; (ii) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PI Trust; (iii) Counsel for the Asbestos PI Future

Claimants Representative; (iv) Counsel for the Asbestos PD Future Claimants Representative; (v) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PD Trust (7A); (vi) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PD Trust (7B); (vii) Counsel for the CDN ZAI PD Claims Fund; (viii) those parties that requested service and notice of papers in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002; (ix) Claimants; and (ix) the parties listed on the proof of service mailing list for the California State Court Litigation, attached hereto as Exhibit G. In light of the nature of the relief requested, the Reorganized Debtors submit that no further notice is required.

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WHEREFORE, the Reorganized Debtors request the Court enter the Order in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>: (i) either permitting the California State Court Litigation to proceed to judgment or, if Plaintiff does not respond to this Claims Objection, disallowing the Claims; and (iii) granting such other relief as may be appropriate.

Dated: January 30, 2015

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EXHIBIT A

The Finke Declaration

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In re:	Chapter 11
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1 Reorganized Debtors.	Case No. 01-01139 (KJC) (Jointly Administered) Hearing Date: March 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Objection Deadline: March 2, 2015
THE DECLARATION OF RICHARD C. REORGANIZED DEBTORS' THIRTY-SEV. CERTAIN CLAIMS FILED REGARDING PREF TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMO (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUP. CT.) (JANAV	ENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO PETITION LITIGATION CAPTIONED, LKER, ET AL., CASE NO. BC 173952
COUNTY OF HOWARD) ss. STATE OF MARYLAND)	

Richard C. Finke, after being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

Associate General Counsel of W. R. Grace & Co., one of the reorganized debtors (collectively, "Grace" or the "Reorganized Debtors") in the above-captioned cases. All facts set forth in this Declaration are based on my personal knowledge, on information supplied to me by employees of and/or professionals retained by the Reorganized Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, and on my experience and knowledge of Grace's businesses. If called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts and opinions contained herein. This declaration is filed in support of the Reorganized Debtors' Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection) (the

The Reorganized Debtors comprise W. R. Grace & Co. (f/k/a Grace Specialty Chemicals, Inc., or "Grace") and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. ("Grace-Conn.").

"Objection"), filed concomitantly herewith.² Based upon a thorough review of their available books and records, the Reorganized Debtors have concluded that they have no liability as to any of the claims discussed herein and in the Objection.

- 2. The claim filed by Gary S. Smolker, a pro se plaintiff in the California State Court Litigation ("Smolker" or the "Plaintiff"), asserts property damage to his condominium relating to termite extermination.³ The Reorganized Debtors, Home Savings Termite Control, Inc. ("Termite Control") and Wayne Morris (who owns and operates Termite Control) are cross-defendants in the California State Court Litigation. That litigation has been stayed as to the Reorganized Debtors, Termite Control and Mr. Morris since the Petition Date. Termite Control and Mr. Morris have filed contingent, unliquidated proofs of claim in these Chapter 11 Cases. On information and belief, Plaintiff has made no attempt since the Reorganized Debtors' emergence to proceed with the California State Court Litigation or to otherwise prosecute his claim.
- 3. The remaining facts and circumstances in the Objection are set forth in the opinion issued by the California State Court of Appeals in *Smolker v. Pacific Villas Homeowners Ass'n.*, et al., 2007 Cal. App. Unpub. LEXIS 2155, 2007 WL 809683 (Cal. App. 2d Dist. Mar. 19, 2007), attached as Exhibit C to the Objection.

Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in, as the case may be, the Objection or the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code of W. R. Grace & Co., et al., the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants, the Asbestos PI Future Claimants' Representative, and the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders as Modified Through December 23, 2010 [Docket No. 26368] (as it may be amended or supplemented, the "Plan").

Mr. Smolker is a licensed attorney who is representing himself.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of 5. the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Vice President and Associate General Counsel

W. R. Grace & Co.

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 30th day of January 2015

My Commission Expires:

September 18 2016

DIANE Z. BOROWY Notary Public-Maryland Howard County My Commission Expires September 18, 2016

EXHIBIT B

Form of Order

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
)	G 31 04 04400 (TTTC)
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1)	Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)
)	(Jointly Administered)
Reorganized Debtors.)	
)	Re docket no Hearing Agenda item no

ORDER DISALLOWING AND EXPUNGING CLAIMS FILED REGARDING PREPETITION LITIGATION CAPTIONED, <u>TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET AL.</u>, CASE NO. BC 173952 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUP, CT.) (JANAVS, J.) (SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION)

Upon consideration of the Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker; et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection) (the "Claims Objection"), and it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Reorganized Debtors, their estates, their creditors and other parties-in-interest; the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and that this Court may enter an order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; venue being proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; notice of the Motion having

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been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED that:²

- 1. The Claims Objection is granted in its entirety.
- 2. [if a response from Plaintiffs is timely filed] The injunction set forth in Plan § 8.1.1 is lifted, and the litigation captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (the "California State Court Litigation") may proceed to judgment.
- 3. [if no response is filed by Plaintiffs] The Claims, listed on Exhibit 1 to this Order, are disallowed pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055 and Del. Bankr. L. R. 7055-1.
- 4. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to take all actions that may be necessary to reflect the disallowance of the Claims, including but not limited to directing Rust Consulting, Inc., their claims agent, to update the claims register to reflect such disallowance.
- 5. Notice of the Claims Objection as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such motion and the requirements of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(a) and the local rules of the Court are satisfied by such notice.
- 6. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or relating to the implementation of this Order and the disallowance of the Claims.

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8.	This Order shall be effective and enforcea	ble immedia	tely upo	n entry	and its	provisions
	shall be self-executing and shall not be s	tayed under	Fed. R.	Bankr.	P. 706	2, Fed. R.
	Bankr. P. 9014 or otherwise.					
Dated:	d:, 2015					
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EXHIBIT I

The Claims

In re: W.R. GRACE CO., et al OMNIBUS 37 : EXHIBIT 1 – NO LIABILITY CLAIMS

Creditor Name/ Address HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL INC C/O PRINDLE DECKER & AMARO 310 GOLDEN SHORE 4TH FL LONG BEACH, CA 90802	Claim Number 387	Case Number 01-01139	Case Name W.R. GRACE & CO.	Total Claim Dollars 7 Claim Class 7 UNKNOWN (U) UNLIQUIDATED
	4070	01-01139	W.R. GRACE & CO.	UNKNOWN (P) UNLIQUIDATED
	392	01-01139	W.R. GRACE & CO.	\$3,500,000.00 (U) UNLIQUIDATED
			Total	83 500 000 000 001

The classification of the claims set forth herein is the classification asserted on the filed proof of claim. The Debtors include such classification for the purpose of identifying the claim to which the objection applies. The inclusion of the classification shall not constitute an advorwedgement by the Debtors that such classification is correct or appropriate.

* Plus, in certain instances, additional contingencies, unliquidated amounts, interest, penalties and/or fees. ** (A) Administrative (S) Secured (P) Priority (U) Unsecured

EXHIBIT C

Smolker v. Pacific Villas Homeowners Ass'n., et al., 2007 Cal. App. Unpub. LEXIS 2155, 2007 WL 809683 (Cal. App. 2d Dist. Mar. 19, 2007)

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NOT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL REPORTS

California Rules of Court, rule 8.1115(a), prohibits courts and parties from citing or relying on opinions not certified for publication or ordered published, except as specified by rule 8.1115(b). This opinion has not been certified for publication or ordered published for purposes of rule 8.1115.

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SECOND APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION SEVEN

GARY SMOLKER,

Defendant and Appellant,

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PACIFIC VILLAS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION et al.,

Cross-Defendants and Respondents.

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(Los Angeles County Super, Ct. No. BC173952)

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Deputy Clerk

APPEAL from judgment and orders of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, Dzintra Janavs and Richard Fruin, Judges. Affirmed except as to Frontier Pacific Insurance Company.¹

Law Offices of Gary S. Smolker and Gary S. Smolker for Defendant, Cross-Complainant and Appellant Gary S. Smolker.

Grey & Grey and David M. Grey for Cross-Defendant, Respondent and Appellant Pacific Villas Homeowners Association.

Appeal is stayed as to Frontier Pacific Insurance Company, whose liquidation is pending. (Insurance Commissioner of the State of California v. Frontier Pacific Insurance Co. (Super. Ct. S.D. County, Nov. 30, 2001 Liquidation Order, No. GIC774028).

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Finestone & Richter and John J. Waller, Jr., for Cross-Defendant and Respondent Joseph Bailey.

Gilbert Kelly Crowley & Jennett, Peter J. Godfrey and Jeanne S. Kuo for Cross-Defendants and Respondents Virginia Cipriano and Matthew J. Fredericks.

Gibbs Giden Locher & Turner, Michael B. Geibel and Victor F. Luke for Cross-Defendants and Respondents James Holland and Julie Holland.

Proctor, McCarthy & Slaughter, William M. Slaughter and Gabriele Mezger-Lashly for Cross-Defendants and Respondents Lance Robbins, Gerald Ivory and Angela Verdun.

Borton, Petrini & Conron, Rosemarie S. Lewis and Eric J. Troutman for Cross-Defendants and Respondents James Hyde and Albert J. Costello.

Pollak Vida & Fisher, Michael M. Pollak, Daniel Barer and Matthew H. Fisher for Cross-Defendant and Respondent Allstate Insurance Company.

Gordon & Rees, Michael T. Lucey, Kelly J. Savage and Sara M. Thorpe for Cross-Defendants and Respondents Farmers Insurance Group of Companies, Farmers Group, Inc., and Truck Underwriters Association.

Dunn Koes, Daniel J. Koes and Pamela E. Dunn for Cross-Defendant and Respondent State Farm Fire and Casualty Company.

No appearance for Cross-Defendant and respondent Frontier Pacific Insurance Company.

In this decade-long case, a homeowner cross-complained for bodily injury and property damage relating to termite extermination and other home repairs in his condominium complex. Cross-defendants are the homeowners association, fellow condominium unit owners, their insurers, and executives of the business manufacturing the pesticide. In an earlier appeal, this court affirmed the sustaining of demurrers by certain cross-defendants to the cross-complaint without leave to amend. The homeowner now appeals the trial court's sustaining of demurrers to the second and fifth amended cross-complaints, grant of summary judgment, and denial of his motion to tax costs. The homeowners association appeals the trial court's denial of its motion for attorneys' fees. The insurer for the homeowners association additionally moves for sanctions. We stay the appeal as to one of the insurers, whose liquidation is pending, and otherwise affirm the judgment and orders.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

I. FACTS²

Cross-complainant and appellant Gary Smolker and Alice Graham (the Smolkers) own a condominium unit in Pacific Villas, a six-unit condominium complex located at 15 63rd Avenue in Playa del Rey. The property consists of a multi-story building with a

[&]quot;Each brief must [¶]... support any reference to a matter in the record by a citation to the record." (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.204(a)(1)(C).) In violation of that rule, the appellant's opening brief shows serious deficiency in his statement of the facts, which set forth pages of factual material without a single citation to the record. "It is not the task of the reviewing court to search the record for evidence that supports the party's statement; it is for the party to cite the court to those references. Upon the party's failure to do so, the appellate court need not consider or may disregard the matter. [Citations.]" (Regents of the Univ. of Cal. v. Shelley (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th 824, 827, fn. 1.)

Alice Graham, formerly Alice Smolker, has dismissed her cross-complaint and appeal as to all parties in this action.

common hallway, which provides the only access from each unit to the front door and mailboxes.

All unit owners own undivided equal interests in the common areas of the condominium complex. The unit owners delegate control and management of the common areas to Pacific Villas Homeowners Association (PVHOA), a non-profit unincorporated association comprised of all homeowners in the complex. Each condominium unit is represented in PVHOA by one vote cast by its owner or owners. The units' owners are required to pay assessments used to fund maintenance and repairs of the common areas and the operating expenses of PVHOA. As provided under the association's Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions (CC&R's) and its Bylaws, an elected board of volunteers directs PVHOA.

A. The Termite Extermination

In 1996, Pacific Villas required certain repairs, including termite extermination. Graham, PVHOA's treasurer at the time, communicated with, obtained a brochure from, presented information on, and cast a vote for the Smolkers' unit in favor of retaining the services of Home Saving Termite Control (Termite Control). PVHOA duly authorized the hiring of Termite Control to treat the complex for termite infestation using amorphous silica aerogel, a pesticide dust used to dehydrate and permanently eradicate termites.

The Smolkers own unit 4. Cross-defendants and respondents Matthew Fredericks and Virginia Cipriano own unit 1; cross-defendants and respondents Gerald Ivory and Angela Jordan Verdun own unit 2; cross-defendant and respondent Joseph A. Bailey owns unit 3; cross-defendant and respondent Lance Robbins owns unit 5; and, until December 1997, Carol Kay owned, and with her husband Samuel Eskenazi resided in, and now cross-defendants and respondents James and Julie Holland own unit 6.

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) defines "[s]ilica aerogel as a finely powdered microcellular silica foam having a minimum silica content of 89.5 percent. [¶] ... [¶] ... This substance is generally recognized as safe when used as a component of an anti-foaming agent in accordance with good manufacturing practice." (21 C.F.R. § 182,1711 (2007); 42 Fed.Reg.14640 (March 15, 1977).) The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lists silica aerogel among the pesticide chemicals "exempted from the requirement of a tolerance when used in accordance with

In October 1996, Termite Control carried out the extermination to the condominium complex by injecting Syloid 244 dust through drilled holes in the common area, garage, and walls of the units. Manufactured by W. Grace & Company and Grace Davison (collectively Grace), Syloid 244 is a trade name for silica aerogel. During the course of the extermination and in the subsequent remodel of his kitchen, Fredericks, president of PVHOA, observed the pesticide dust escape into units through some unsealed drill holes, phone jacks, light sockets, cracks, electrical outlets, and settle in the electrical box and dumb waiter. Fredericks arranged for Termite Control and a handyman to repair any unsealed holes.

Within a few months, in late 1996 or early 1997, Smolker complained to PVHOA that he, Graham and their children suffered adverse health effects which they attributed to the pesticide, including dry mouths, lips and skin, sore throats, and headaches Smolker also informed PVHOA that, in December 1996, the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner issued a violation notice to Termite Control to cease and desist from using Syloid 244 on all job sites, because the pesticide was an "unregistered economic poison." Fredericks, president of PVHOA, conveyed Smolker's complaint to Termite Control. Termite Control conceded that although Syloid 244 did not have a registered trade name, it was "100% amorphous silica gel" and "pose[d] no health or environmental hazard." Termite Control announced it would henceforth use silica gel under another registered trade name. According to Termite Control, among the thousands of extermination jobs it

In 1997, otorhinolaryngologist Eugene Freed, M.D., diagnosed Smolker, who was otherwise healthy, with irritation by chemicals encountered in his condominium from the termite treatment, and prescribed a course of potassium iodine drops. In 1998, dermatologist Letantia Bussell, M.D., assessed Smolker with "contact dermatitis by history—possibly secondary to pest repellant" and prescribed Cordran lotion. In 1998, toxicologist Nachman Brautbar, M.D., concluded that Smolker had airway hyperactivity to chemicals. Although Dr. Brautbar believed Smolker's dry skin was likely due to exposure to the silica gel, he was unable to ascertain whether Smolker's airway hyperactivity and dizziness arose from exposure to cleaning solutions and smoke at his office building or to the pesticide at his condominium unit.

conducted in Southern California, Smolker was only the second known individual to have claimed health problems from such exposure.

In 1997, following an emergency meeting of PVHOA to discuss Smolker's concerns, Fredericks contacted the chief inspector for the Los Angeles County Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Section for an investigation. Thereafter, an industrial hygienist with the Los Angeles County Health Department conducted a visual inspection of the premises and concluded there was no reason for any health concerns with respect to the way the pesticide was applied. The hygienist advised Fredericks that "you would have to breath[e] in a cloud of the product before it would bother you." The Health Department further declined to authorize testing of the exposure levels, finding it "totally unnecessary." Fredericks then attempted to obtain private testing of the pesticide. AAA Superior Air Systems responded and collected the dust samples, but ultimately declined to test the material because of interference by Smolker and fear that he would sue the business.

Throughout 1997, Smolker demanded that PVHOA, the other condominium owners, Termite Control, Grace, Grace Davison, all their respective insurance carriers and the Smokers' own insurance carriers pay for the following: tearing down his interior walls; sealing the pesticide in the walls; installing and painting new interior walls; removing the air handling equipment; providing and operating a filtering system to remove any pesticide dust in their unit while the Smolkers lived elsewhere; and removing and replacing all personal property exposed to the pesticide dust, including all carpeting, soft furniture and children's soft toys.

B. The Roof Repair

At the 1999 PVHOA annual meeting, the members in attendance discussed the need to re-roof the building. PVHOA voted to assess each unit to fund replacement of the roof.

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C. The Pipe Repair and Mold Abatement

In March 1999, water from a broken pipe leaked onto the carpet in the southern portion of the common area hallway near the Hollands' unit. Smolker's unit is located at the northern end of the common hallway and separated from the site of the leak by a fire door. PVHOA obtained the services of a plumber to repair the leak and submitted the claim to its insurance carrier, Truck Insurance Exchange (Truck) of TIG Insurance Company (TIG).

In October 1999, Truck notified PVHOA that mold was present in the common area hallway in the vicinity of the leak. Truck settled the claim by paying \$2,572.79, which was deposited into PVHOA's account in November 1999.

In February 2000, PVHOA contacted Alliance Environmental, an asbestos and mold remediation contractor, to abate the mold in the common area hallway. In March 2000, Alliance Environmental sealed off the hallway, scraped the ceiling, removed the carpet, and cut away the dry wall one foot up from the floor around the perimeter of the hallway. Afterwards, industrial hygienist Enrioncheck, Inc. cleared Pacific Villas for occupancy based on acceptable findings on tape-lift and air samples. By July 2000, the common area hallway was restored with new carpet, drywall and a new coat of paint.

II. PROCEDURE

In July 1997, TIG filed a declaratory relief action in connection with its denial of coverage for Smolker's claims under his insurance policies issued by TIG.

In October 1997, Smolker filed a cross-complaint against Termite Control and other parties for negligence and strict liability. In November 1997, Smolker filed a first

to all causes of action. In November 1999, the court entered orders of dismissal. We affirmed on appeal.

A. Demurrers Sustained Without Leave to Amend to the Second Amended

Complaint

On November 8, 1999, with respect to the second amended cross-complaint, the court sustained without leave to amend the demurrers of cross-defendants Albert J. Castello and James R. Hyde, corporate executives of Grace, to the eighth cause of action for fraud and interference. The court ordered Smolker to no longer name Castello and Hyde in subsequent cross-complaints.

B. Demurrer Sustained Without Leave to Amend to the Fifth Amended Cross-Complaint

After several rounds of demurrers and grants of leave to amend, Smolker filed his fifth amended cross-complaint for equitable relief and damages alleging 31 causes of action.

TIG Insurance Co. v. Smolker (Dec. 12, 2000, B124969) [nonpub. opn.] at p. 15. Resolution of this case has been lengthy due to stays for various reasons, including bankruptcy proceedings and appeals in consolidated matters.

Smolker failed to designate the second amended cross-complaint as part of the clerk's transcript on his record on appeal. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.120(a)(5).)

¹⁾ Breach of contract against Allstate Insurance Company (Allstate), the insurance carrier for Kay and Eskenazi; 2) breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing against Allstate; 3) breach of contract against State Farm Insurance (State Farm), the insurance carrier for the Hollands and Robbins; 4) breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing against State Farm; 5) breach of contract against the Auto Club, the insurance carrier for the Smolkers; 6) breach of good faith and fair dealing against the Auto Club; 7) breach of contract and breach of the covenant of good faith and fair dealing against Texas Auto Policy and Nationwide Auto Policy, the auto insurance carriers for the Smolkers; 8) strict liability against Grace, Termite Control and W.F. Morris, the alter ego of Termite Control; 9) negligence against Grace; 10) negligence against Termite Control, Morris and Rikk Thompson, the pesticide expert for Termite Control; 11) negligence against PVHOA, the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks, and Cipriano; 12) nuisance and maintenance of a nuisance against PVHOA, the Hollands, Robbins,

On November 4, 1999, finding no basis for personal liability by Smolkers' fellow condominium unit owners in the common areas, the court sustained without leave to amend demurrers by Kay, Cipriano, Bailey, the Hollands, Robbins and Fredericks on all causes of action applicable to them, including: negligence (11th cause of action); nuisance (12th cause of action); abatement of nuisance (13th cause of action); trespass (14th cause of action); assault and battery (15th cause of action); wrongful eviction and waste (16th cause of action); and contribution and lien (17th cause of action). The court dismissed all the fellow condominium unit owners from the lawsuit and denied their motions to strike as moot.

Smolkers: 8) strict liability against Grace, Termite Control and W.F. Morris, the alter ego of Termite Control; 9) negligence against Grace; 10) negligence against Termite Control, Morris and Rikk Thompson, the pesticide expert for Termite Control; 11) negligence against PVHOA, the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks, and Cipriano; 12) nuisance and maintenance of a nuisance against PVHOA, the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks, and Cipriano; 13) abatement of nuisance against PVHOA, the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks, Cipriano, Termite Control, Morris, Grace and Grace Davison; 14) trespass against PVHOA, the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks, Cipriano, Termite Control, Morris, and Grace: 15) assault and battery against PVHOA, the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks, Cipriano, Termite Control, Morris, and Grace; 16) wrongful eviction and waste against the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks and Cipriano; 17) contribution and imposition of lien/foreclosure against the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks and Cipriano; 18) negligence against Coregis Insurance Company (CIC) and California Insurance Company (Cainco), Termite Control's liability carrier, Truck, Farmers Group of Insurance and Farmer's Insurance Group (collectively Farmers); 19) negligence against TIG; 20) negligence against Reliance Insurance (Reliance); 21) negligence against Frontier Pacific Insurance Company (Frontier); 22) breach of contract against Cainco,; 23) breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing against Cainco; 24) breach of contract against Truck; 25) breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing against Truck; 26) breach of contract against TIG; 27) breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing against Cainco; 28) breach of contract against Frontier; 29) breach of contract against Reliance; 30) fraud against Morris, Termite Control, Grace, Truck, TIG, CIC and Cainco; and 31) interference against Morris, Termite Control, Cainco, CIC, Truck, Farmers, and Grace.

In view of Holland's dismissal as the insured and finding no basis for a third party claim under the terms of the policy, the court likewise sustained without leave to amend State Farm's demurrers to breach of contract (third cause of action) and breach of duty of good faith and fair dealing (second cause of action).

The court further sustained without leave to amend TIG's, Farmers', Truck's, and CIC's demurrers to negligence (18th cause of action), fraud (30th cause of action), and interference with contractual or economic relations (31st cause of action).

The court also sustained without leave to amend the 21st and 28th causes of action for negligence and breach of contract against Frontier and dismissed it from the action.

Finally, the court sustained Grace's demurrer to the 31st cause of action for interference with contractual or economic relationship without leave to amend.

On January 5, 2000, the court deemed Ivory and Verdum to have joined the demurrer of Lance Robbins and sustained the demurrer without leave to amend as to them.

C. Grant of Summary Judgment as to PVHOA.

Smolker's specific causes of action pleaded in his fifth amended cross-complaint against PVHOA included: negligence (11th cause of action); nuisance and maintenance of nuisance (12th cause of action); abatement of nuisance (13th cause of action); trespass (14th cause of action); assault and battery (15th cause of action); and wrongful eviction and waste (16th cause of action). In December 2000, the court granted summary judgment in favor of PVHOA. It found Smolker pleaded no triable issues of fact sufficient to defeat the rule of deference to the decisions of a homeowners association under Lamden v. La Jolla Shores Clubdominium Homeowners Assn. (1999) 21 Cal.4th 249 (Lamden).

D. Denial of Smolker's Motion to Tax Costs

After prevailing on the summary judgment motion, the PVHOA sought \$14,983.95 in litigation costs, including expenses incurred for deposition transcripts and travel. In April 2001, Smolker moved to strike or tax the cost bill; the court denied the motion. However, taking account of the costs paid for a subpoena and the recoverable

costs under Government Code section 68093, the court reduced the total costs by \$265 to \$14,718.95.

E. Denial of PVHOA's Post-Judgment Motion for Attorney's Fees

In April 2001, PVHOA moved to recover \$71,865 in attorney's fees. The court denied the motion because neither Civil Code section 1354, subdivision (f), nor section 2033 applied. As to the former, the Smolkers were not challenging the CC&R's; and as to the latter, PVHOA had not asked the Smolkers to admit facts, but rather to concede their claims.

F. Notices of Appeal

Smolker appeals from: 1) the February 5, 2001 judgment for PVHOA and denial of Smolkers' motion for relief from the judgment; 2) the April 5, 2001 order denying Smolker's motion to tax costs; 3) the January 1, 2000 order dismissing cross-defendants Verdun and Ivory; and 4) the November 4 and 5, 1999 orders sustaining the demurrers of cross-defendants Kay, Cipriano, Bailey, the Hollands, Robbins, Fredericks, Costello, Hyde, Allstate, Farmers, Truck and State Farm.

PVHOA appeals from the court's April 10, 2001 order denying its post-judgment motion for attorney's fees.

G. Motion for Sanctions on Appeal

Farmers and Truck move for sanctions on the ground the appeal is frivolous and taken solely for delay.

DISCUSSION

I. THE COURT PROPERLY GRANTED SUMMARY JUDGMENT

The Supreme Court established the standard of review for an order granting summary judgment. "A trial court properly grants summary judgment where no triable issue of material fact exists and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. [Citation.] We review the trial court's decision de novo, considering all of the evidence the parties offered in connection with the motion (except that which the court

properly excluded) and the uncontradicted inferences the evidence reasonably supports. [Citation.] In the trial court, once a moving defendant has 'shown that one or more elements of the cause of action, even if not separately pleaded, cannot be established,' the burden shifts to the plaintiff to show the existence of a triable issue; to meet that burden, the plaintiff 'may not rely upon the mere allegations or denials of its pleadings . . . but, instead, shall set forth the specific facts showing that a triable issue of material fact exists as to that cause of action . . . ' [Citations.]" (Merrill v. Navegar, Inc. (2001) 26 Cal.4th 465, 476-477; see also Aguilar v. Atlantic Richfield Co. (2001) 25 Cal.4th 826, 854-855; Katz v. Chevron Corp. (1994) 22 Cal.App.4th 1352, 1363-1364.)

PVHOA's motion for summary judgment was supported by evidence taken from Termite Control's earlier motion for summary judgment, and the declarations of Fredericks and Holland, which dispute Graham's claim that she was uninvolved in the selection and approval of the exterminator. Moreover, the declarations show good faith attempts by Fredericks, president of PVHOA, to monitor the two-day extermination, hold meetings, keep the owners apprised of developments, seek out inspectors and an industrial hygienist, and make repairs to contain any potential escape of the silica gel and mold into the units and common areas.

The Smolkers did not comply with Code of Civil Procedure section 437c, subdivision (b), as they failed to submit in opposition a separate statement of disputed facts. Therefore, they did not meet their burden to show the existence of a triable issue of material fact as to whether PVHOA failed to exercise good faith effort in enforcing the CC&R's.

Contrary to Smolker's contention that he and Graham were not afforded due process or adequate time to respond, the court allowed the Smolkers to file their oppositions on five occasions between October and December 2000. The court overruled PVHOA's objections to the Smolkers' declarations and exhibits, except where the material constituted unauthenticated or second-hand opinion. Although the court allowed the Smolkers to present articles concerning silica gel, it properly refused to consider them to the extent they contained hearsay and opinion for which no foundation was laid.

Moreover, Civil Code section 1364, subdivision (a), makes the association responsible for maintaining and making repairs to common areas and specifies that the individual home owner is responsible for maintaining exclusive use common areas. In Lamden, supra, 21 Cal.4th at p. 265, our Supreme Court held that "where a duly constituted community association board, upon reasonable investigation, in good faith and with regard for the best interests of the community association and its members, exercises discretion within the scope of its authority under relevant statutes, covenants and restrictions to select among means for discharging an obligation to maintain and repair a development's common areas, courts should defer to the board's authority and presumed expertise." The plaintiff in Lamden brought an action for an injunction and declaratory relief against the homeowners association based on the association's decision to spot treat for termites rather than fumigate entire units. The Lamden court relied on its previous decision in Nahrstedt v. Lakeside Village Condominium Assn. (1994) 8 Cal.4th 361 (Nahrstedt), requiring judicial deference to good faith efforts of the boards and enforcement of CC&R's that are not wholly arbitrary. (Id. at p. 382.) The court in Lamden stressed that its ruling did not immunize the boards from unreasonable actions taken without good faith. (Lamden, supra, at pp. 269-270.)

Here, the PVHOA CC&R's and Bylaws provide that the Board of Directors have the duty and power to maintain and otherwise manage all of the common areas and facilities at Pacific Villas. The evidence in the record before the trial court showed the board acted in good faith by holding meetings for all unit owners to consider plans for the termite extermination, roof repair, water damage and mold abatement.

The court properly granted summary judgment and denied the Smolker's motion for relief from the judgment.

II. THE COURT PROPERLY SUSTAINED THE DEMURRERS

On appeal from an order dismissing a complaint after the sustaining of a demurrer, we independently review the pleading to determine whether the facts alleged state a cause of action under any possible legal theory. (Aubry v. Tri-City Hospital Dist. (1992) 2 Cal.4th 962, 967; Berger v. California Ins. Guarantee Assn. (2005) 128 Cal.App.4th 989,

998.) We give the complaint a reasonable interpretation, "treat[ing] the demurrer as admitting all material facts properly pleaded," but do not "assume the truth of contentions, deductions or conclusions of law. [Citation.]" (Aubry, supra, at p. 967.) We liberally construe the pleading with a view to substantial justice between the parties. (Code Civ. Proc., § 452; Kotlar v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co. (2000) 83 Cal. App. 4th 1116, 1120.)

A. The Court Properly Found Smolker Failed to State a Cause of Action

Against the Condominium Unit Owners

Smolker's fifth amended complaint pleaded negligence, nuisance and maintenance, abatement of nuisance, trespass, assault and battery, wrongful eviction and waste, and contribution and imposition of lien/foreclosure against the Hollands, Robbins, Bailey, Verdun, Ivory, Fredericks, and Cipriano (collectively unit owners).

Civil Code section 1365.9, subdivision (b), provides: "Any cause of action in tort against any owner of a separate interest arising solely by reason of an ownership interest as a tenant in common in the common area of a common interest development shall be brought only against the association and not against the individual owners of the separate interests . . . if both of the insurance requirements in paragraphs (1) and (2) are met: [¶] (1) The association maintained and has in effect for this cause of action, one or more policies of insurance which include coverage for general liability of the association. [¶] (2) The coverage described in paragraph (1) is in the following minimum amounts: [¶] (A) At least two million dollars (\$2,000,000) if the common interest development consists of 100 or fewer separate interests. . . ."

The fifth amended complaint alleges that PVHOA is a six-unit condominium complex and that it has continuously purchased insurance as part of a commercial property and liability coverage from Truck since 1986 under policy number 09387-08-30. Smolker does not dispute that the commercial property and liability coverage meets the statutory minimum; as a result, the unit owners cannot be liable for the tort claims—negligence, nuisance and maintenance, abatement of nuisance, trespass, assault and battery. Moreover, as discussed *supra*, individual condominium owners also bear no

liability when the alleged damage is caused by the common areas over which the homeowners association has full control. (Civ. Code, § 1364.)

As for the wrongful eviction and waste claim, the cause of action contains no factual allegations. The claim cross-references other paragraphs whose only potentially relevant allegations address the application of pesticides in the common area controlled by PVHOA, and which therefore do not state a cause of action for wrongful eviction or waste against the unit owners.

In addition, Smolker failed to state a cause of action for the contribution and foreclosure claim. The Smolkers, attorneys in the Law Offices of Smolker and Graham, alleged that the unit owners were "unjustly enriched" by the "overpayment" of the Smolkers, because they had "made advances" in legal services to "protect" the "COMMON AREA" from the "waste" and "dangerous condition" maintained by the unit owners and PVHOA. As discussed earlier, only PVHOA was authorized to maintain the common areas, not the unit owners. (Civ. Code, § 1364, subd. (a).) The Smolkers fail to present any legal basis or to cite any relevant authority in support of their claim that they are entitled to the value of the time they expended; there is no basis to find error.

B. The Court Properly Found Smolker Failed to State a Cause of Action
Against Allstate for Breach of Contract or Bad Faith

Allstate is the insurance carrier for Kay. Coverage Y of Kay's Allstate policy provides: "Each person who sustains bodily injury is entitled to [medical] protection when that person is [¶] on the insured premises with the permission of an insured person; or [¶] 2. off the insured premises, if the bodily injury: [¶] a) arises out of a condition on the insured premises or the immediate adjoining ways; [¶] b) is caused by the activities of an insured person or a residence employee; [¶] c) is caused by an animal owned by or in the care of an insured person; or [¶] (d) is sustained by a residence employee." One of the policy exclusions provides: "8. We do not cover any bodily injury which results in any manner from the discharge dispersal, release or escape of vapors, fumes, acids, toxic chemicals, toxic gases, toxic liquids, toxic solids, waste materials or other irritants, contaminants, or pollutants. [¶] We do cover bodily injury

which results from such discharge if the discharge is sudden and accidental," (Emphasis in original.)

The language in Kay's Allstate policy is almost identical to that in Shaolian v. Safeco Ins. Co., 71 Cal.App.4th 268, 272 (Shaolian). In Shaolian, the trial issue concerned a medical coverage provision that obligated defendant to pay the medical or funeral expenses incurred by third parties who were injured in connection with the insured's activities. The insurance company refused payment contending that its obligation to pay was conditioned on a finding that the insured had been at fault and that the victims lacked standing until the liability of the insured had been adjudicated. (Id. at pp. 270-271.) "Because the insurer's duties flow to its insured alone, a third party claimant may not bring a direct action against an insurance company. As a general rule, a third party may directly sue an insurer only when there has been an assignment of rights by, or a final judgment against, the insured. [Citations.]" (Id. at pp. 271-272; see Ins. Code, § 11580, subd. (b)(2).) The Shaolian court held policy limitations regarding acts away from the home precluded payment for injuries except those shown to have been caused by the insured. (Id. at p. 275.)

Here, the Smolkers did not allege they suffered an injury on the "insured premises" within the meaning of Kay's Allstate policy. Rather, they claimed to have suffered injury off the premises when Kay and Eskenazi "opened their front door or any other door connected to the common area hallway" and "when they walked in the common area hallway" by "caus[ing] dust that had settled in the common area hallway

[&]quot;[T]his coverage applies only: [¶] 1. to a person on the insured location with the permission of an insured; or [¶] 2. to a person off the insured location, if the bodily injury: [¶] a. arises out of a condition on the insured location or the ways immediately adjoining; [¶] b. is caused by the activities of an insured; [¶] c. is caused by a residence employee in the course of the residence employee's employment by an insured; or [¶] d. is caused by an animal owned by or in the care of an insured." (Shaolian, supra, 71 Cal.App.4th at p. 273, emphasis in original.)

carpet and walls to be stirred up and recirculated into the common area atmosphere."

Toxic chemicals, whose release is not accidental, however, are excluded under Kay's Allstate policy. Moreover, as discussed above, neither Kay nor her husband were liable to the Smolkers for such conduct. Accordingly, as in *Shaolian*, the court correctly concluded that the Smolkers could not state a cause of action against Allstate for breach of an obligation owed them under Kay's policy.

C. The Court Properly Found Smolker Failed to State a Cause of Action

Against State Farm for Breach of Contract or Bad Faith

State Farm is the insurance carrier for the Hollands and Robbins. Coverage M—Medical Payments under the State Farm policy provides: "We will pay medical expenses for bodily injury caused by an accident on the premises you own or rent, on ways next to the premises you own or rent, or because of your operations. The accident must take place in the coverage territory during the policy period. We will pay medical expenses only if the expenses are incurred or medically ascertained within one year of the date of the accident. . . ." (Emphasis added.)

Smolker contends that he and his family were "injured while walking in the common area hallway to get in and out of their home," which is owned in common with the Hollands and Robbins. Smolker alleges that the Hollands and Robbins injured him by stirring up silica aerogel dust or mold as they walked in the common area.

Allstate contends that even if the common areas were within the definition of "insured premises," the Smolkers have not pleaded any facts showing they were on the insured premises "with the permission of the insured." If the common areas are insured premises, Allstate asserts the policy excludes the Smolkers from coverage, because they are regular residents of the insured premises. The Smolkers never asserted that these were, or are, incorrect interpretations of the policy language. In ruling on the demurrer, the trial court determined that the fifth amended cross-complaint did not allege the Smolkers suffered an injury on the "insured premises" within the meaning of Kay's Allstate policy. Rather, the Smolkers claimed to have suffered injury in the common areas of the complex where the insureds opened doors and walked in the common hallway.

The plain language of the policy provides that third party coverage for injury must be caused by an accident. "[A]ccident,' as judicially defined, is a casualty—something out of the usual course of events and which happens suddenly and unexpectedly and without design of the person injured including any event which takes place without the foresight or expectation of the person acted upon or affected by the event. [Citation.]" (State Farm Fire & Casualty Co. v. Drasin (1984) 152 Cal.App.3d 864, 867.) "The overwhelming weight of California authority holds that the term 'accident' refers to the nature of the act giving rise to liability, not to the insured's intent to cause harm" (Collin v. American Empire Ins. Co. (1994) 21 Cal.App.4th 787, 810.)

The issue is whether an accident gave rise to Smolker's claimed injuries. Although no accident is alleged, the Hollands' and Robbins' intentional acts of walking down the hallway and opening doors caused the stirring of toxic dust that allegedly caused Smolker's injuries, regardless of whether any harm was intended or expected to come of them. (See Croskey et al., Cal. Practice Guide: Insurance Litigation (The Rutter Group 2006) ¶ 7:45, pp. 7A15 ["term 'accident' refers to an unintended act, not an unintended injury. Coverage thus turns on the insured's intent to perform the act, not on his or her state of mind in performing it. Therefore, it is irrelevant whether the insured expected or intended the conduct to cause harm"].)

The Hollands' and Robbins' acts of walking down the common area hallway and opening of doors were no "accident." Such conduct was intentional, whether or not they expected or intended the conduct to cause harm. As there is no coverage under the State Farm policy without an "accident," the demurrer was properly sustained.

D. Smolker Did Not Meet His Burden in Contesting the Trial Court's Sustaining of Demurrers as to Farmers and Truck

In his opening brief, Smolker only contended: "The trial court sustained the Farmer cross-defendants demurrers without leave to amend on the basis of the factual allegation in the Farmers' entities demurrer that Farmers is a trade name or logo not an entity ('real business enterprise') without taking into consideration the allegations of the

fifth amended complaint, without any proof presented by the Farmers entities on that fact and without providing the Smolkers an opportunity to refute that fact."

To the contrary, the trial court explained in its ruling that Farmers' "assertion that 'Farmers' is not a legal entity subject to suit is not information (if true) that the Smolkers knew or had reason to know when they pleaded their Fifth Amended Complaint."

Negligence

To prevail in an action for negligence, the plaintiff must demonstrate that the defendant owed a duty to the plaintiff, that the defendant breached that duty, and that the breach proximately caused the plaintiff's injuries. (Wiener v. Southcoast Childcare Centers, Inc. (2004) 32 Cal.4th 1138, 1145.)

In their 18th cause of action for negligence against Farmers and Truck, the Smolkers did not plead any of the negligence elements. Instead, they incorporated by reference several other paragraphs, none of which sufficiently pleaded a cause of action for negligence.

Here, the court explained that as to the negligence cause of action, "[t]here are insufficient facts to support a negligence theory, and the Smolkers have had sufficient opportunity to cure this deficiency. The cross-complaint does allege generally that all of the insurers failed to carry out duties to investigate and/or to repair the condominium complex and as a result the Smolkers suffered personal and property damage. The Smolkers, however, do not allege any factual basis for the supposition that Farmers owed any duty to them or how any such duty was breached."

The Smolkers failed to plead any of the elements of negligence in the fifth amended complaint, even after numerous opportunities to amend. Thus, the court was correct in sustaining the demurrer without leave to amend.

2. Fraud

The elements of fraud are: (1) a misrepresentation (false representation, concealment, or nondisclosure); (2) knowledge of falsity (or scienter); (3) intent to defraud, i.e., to induce reliance; (4) justifiable reliance; and (5) resulting damage. (Lazar v. Superior Court (1996) 12 Cal.4th 631, 638.) "It is elementary that in an action for

equitable relief based upon extrinsic fraud in obtaining a judgment, the facts constituting the fraud must be pleaded with particularity and specifically. [Citations.]" (Hammell v. Britton (1941) 19 Cal.2d 72, 82.)

Here, pertaining to the 30th cause of action for fraud on page 68 of their 70-page fifth amended complaint, the Smolkers pleaded: "The cross-defendants named in this cause of action know what the fraud is, what its [sic] and what damages are being claimed by the SMOLKERS. The court's page limit does not allow setting forth allegations concerning this cause of action. The court's time limit did not allow enough [sic] time to plead this cause of action in any further detail or to edit this fifth amended cross-complaint."

The Smolkers failed to plead any of the elements of fraud in the fifth amended complaint, even after numerous opportunities to amend. Thus, the court was correct in sustaining the demurrer without leave to amend.

3. Interference with Contractual Relations

"The elements which a plaintiff must plead to state the cause of action for intentional interference with contractual relations are (1) a valid contract between plaintiff and a third party; (2) defendant's knowledge of this contract; (3) defendant's intentional acts designed to induce a breach or disruption of the contractual relationship; (4) actual breach or disruption of the contractual relationship; and (5) resulting damage." (Pacific Gas & Electric Co. v. Bear Stearns & Co. (1990) 50 Cal. 3d 1118, 1126.)

As they did with respect to fraud, on the 31st cause of action for inference with contractual relations cause of action, the Smolkers pleaded: "The cross-defendants named in this cause of action know what the interference is, and what damages are being claimed by the SMOLKERS. The court's page limit does not allow setting forth allegations concerning this cause of action. The court's time limit did not allow enough [sic] time to plead this cause of action in any further detail or to edit this fifth amended cross-complaint."

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Because the Smolkers failed to plead any of the elements of interference with contractual relations in the fifth amended complaint, even after numerous opportunities to amend, the court was correct in sustaining the demurrer without leave to amend. 12

E. Smolker Has Not Met His Burden on the Fraud and Interference Claim

Against Hyde and Costello

We disregard Smolker's contention that the court erred in sustaining the demurrer on his fraud and interference claim against Hyde and Costello.

Smolker failed to designate the second amended complaint as part of the clerk's transcript in his record on appeal. (Cal. Rules of Court, rule 8.120(a)(5).) Error is never presumed; all presumptions favor the correctness of the lower court's judgment or order. (Buckhart v. San Francisco Residential Rent Etc., Bd. (1988) 197 Cal.App.3d 1032, 1036; Null v. City of Los Angeles (1988) 206 Cal.App.3d 1528, 1532.) Where an appellant has not provided a complete record, we cannot review a claim of error and we presume that the evidence was sufficient to support the judgment. (Null, at p. 1533; Pringle v. La Chapelle (1999) 73 Cal.App.4th 1000, 1003.)

Farmers and Truck filed a motion for sanctions in connection with this appeal. Code of Civil Procedure section 907 provides, "When it appears to the reviewing court that the appeal was frivolous or taken solely for delay, it may add to the costs on appeal such damages as may be just." (See also Cal. Rules of Court, rule 27(e)(1)(A) [[Court of Appeal may impose sanctions on party or attorney for taking frivolous appeal or appealing solely to cause delay].) The Supreme Court in *In re Marriage of Flaherty* (1982) 31 Cal.3d 637, 650, set forth the applicable standard, "[A]n appeal should be held to be frivolous only when it is prosecuted for an improper motive – to harass the respondent or delay the effect of an adverse judgment – or when it indisputably has no merit – when any reasonable attorney would agree that the appeal is totally and completely without merit. [Citation.]" We have reviewed the motion to dismiss and concluded this standard is not met in this appeal. Accordingly, we deny the request for sanctions.

III. ANY CHALLENGE TO THE DENIAL OF SMOLKER'S MOTION TO TAX COSTS IS FORFEITED

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In the introductory section of his Appellant's Opening Brief, Smolker makes bare mention of his denied motion to tax costs: "... This appeal addresses the legal issue of whether it is proper to charge a losing party with the costs incurred by the winning party in pursuing a lawsuit against a third party and/or to charge the losing party with costs incurred by the winning party in defending lawsuits brought by other parties. In the trial court action the Smolkers tried to have the trial court tax and/or strike costs claimed by the homeowner association for defending lawsuits brought by other persons against the homeowner association and to have the trial court tax or strike costs claimed by the homeowner association related to prosecuting a litigation against another party." Thereafter, Smolker never set forth any arguments regarding the trial court ruling, cited to the record or to any legal authority.

Accordingly, Smolker's failure to present argument with references to the record and citation to legal authority results in a forfeiture of any assertion that could have been raised. (People v. Barnett (1998) 17 Cal.4th 1044, 1107, fn. 37; Building etc. Assn. v. Richardson (1936) 6 Cal.2d 90, 102; Estate of Randall (1924) 194 Cal. 725, 728-729; Nwosu v. Uba (2004) 122 Cal.App.4th 1229, 1246-1247; City of Lincoln v. Barringer (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 1211, 1239-1240; Pringle v. La Chapelle (1999) 73 Cal.App.4th 1000, 1003-1004 & fn. 2; Badie v. Bank of America (1998) 67 Cal.App.4th 779, 784-785; Reyes v. Kosha (1998) 65 Cal.App.4th 451, 466, fn. 6; Guthrey v. State of California (1998) 63 Cal.App.4th 1108, 1115-1116; Dills v. Redwoods Associates, Ltd. (1994) 28 Cal.App.4th 888, 890, fn. 1; Pimental v. Safeway Stores, Inc. (1987) 196 Cal.App.3d 92, 94, fn. 1.)

IV. THE COURT PROPERLY DENIED ATTORNEYS' FEES TO PVHOA

We turn now to the issue of whether the trial court erred in denying PVHOA's request for attorney fees.

At all relevant times, the procedures governing requests for admission were contained in former Code of Civil Procedure section 2033. That section was repealed

effective July 1, 2005, and was replaced by sections 2033.010 through 2033.080. Because all trial court proceedings at issue here took place while former section 2033 was in effect, we will refer to that section throughout this opinion.

Former subdivision (o) of Code of Civil Procedure section 2033 provided: "If a party fails to admit the genuineness of any document or the truth of any matter when requested to do so under this section, and if the party requesting that admission thereafter proves the genuineness of that document or the truth of that matter, the party requesting the admission may move the court for an order requiring the party to whom the request was directed to pay the reasonable expenses incurred in making that proof, including reasonable attorney's fees. The court shall make this order unless it finds that (1) an objection to the request was sustained or a response to it was waived under subdivision (l), (2) the admission sought was of no substantial importance, (3) the party failing to make the admission had reasonable ground to believe that that party would prevail on the matter, or (4) there was other good reason for the failure to admit."

"The primary purpose of requests for admissions is to set at rest triable issues so that they will not have to be tried; they are aimed at expediting trial. [Citation.] The basis for imposing sanctions... is directly related to that purpose. Unlike other discovery sanctions, an award of expenses... is not a penalty. Instead, it is designed to reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by a party in proving the truth of a requested admission where the admission sought was 'of substantial importance' [citations] such that trial would have been expedited or shortened if the request had been admitted." (Brooks v. American Broadcasting Co. (1986) 179 Cal.App.3d 500, 509, criticized on another point in Stull v. Sparrow (2001) 92 Cal.App.4th 860, 866-867.)

"The determination of whether a party is entitled to expenses under section 2033, subdivision (o) is within the sound discretion of the trial court.' [Citation.] More specifically, '[former s]ection 2033, subdivision (o) clearly vests in the trial judge the authority to determine whether the party propounding the admission thereafter proved the truth of the matter which was denied.' [Citation.] An abuse of discretion occurs only where it is shown that the trial court exceeded the bounds of reason. [Citation.] It is a

deferential standard of review that requires us to uphold the trial court's determination, even if we disagree with it, so long as it is reasonable. [Citation.]" (Stull v. Sparrow, supra, 92 Cal.App.4th at p. 864.)

Here, the Smolkers denied the following requests for admission: 1) "Pacific Villas is not liable on the Eleventh Cause of Action of the Fifth Amended Cross-complaint entitled Negligence"; 2) "Pacific Villas is not liable on the Twelfth Cause of Action of the Fifth Amended Cross-complaint entitled Nuisance and Maintenance of a Nuisance"; 3) "Pacific Villas is not liable on the Thirteenth Cause of Action of the Fifth Amended Cross-complaint entitled Abatement of Nuisance"; 4) "Pacific Villas is not liable on the Fourteenth Cause of Action of the Fifth Amended Cross-complaint entitled Trespass"; 5) "Pacific Villas is not liable on the Fifthenth Cause of Action of the Fifth Amended Cross-complaint entitled Assault and Battery"; 6) "Pacific Villas is not liable on the Sixteenth Cause of Action of the Fifth Amended Cross-complaint entitled Wrongful Eviction"; 7) "Pacific Villas is not liable for punitive damages as sought in the prayer for damages of the Fifth Amended Cross-complaint."

The trial court denied PVHOA's motion to recover \$71,865 in attorney's fees. It reasoned: "The assertion [is] that PVHOA may recover attorney[s'] fees under [Code of Civil Procedure section] 2033[, subdivision] (o) because the Smolkers denied requests for admission that their claims borders on the frivolous. [Code of Civil Procedure section] 2033[, subdivision] (a) provides that a party by written request may ask responding party to admit 'the truth of specified matters of fact.' PVHOA's requests did not ask the Smolkers to admit facts; they ask that they give up their claims."

Applying the deferential standard of review, we agree with the determination of the trial court and find no abuse of discretion in denying PVHOA's request for attorneys' fees.

DISPOSITION

The judgment and orders are affirmed except as to Frontier. Respondents are to recover their costs on appeal.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL REPORTS.

ZELON, J.

We concur:

PERLUSS, P.J.

JOHNSON, J.

EXHIBIT D

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I, Jane Nagaishi, declare:

At the time of service hereinafter mentioned, I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 4720 Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 250, Marina Del Rey, California 90292. I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, California.

On August 23, 2001, I served the foregoing document described as follows:

Proof of Claim

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Claim No. 387 (The Termite Control Claim)



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COMES NOW, Creditors, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and WAYNE MORRIS, hereby submit the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration of Gary E. Yardumian in support of proof of claim.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

STATEMENT OF REASONS IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

There is currently pending before this Court a Petition for Relief under 11 U.S.C.§§ 1101, et seq., relating to the affairs of Debtor, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY (hereinafter "Debtor"). Said petition, entitled In Re W.R. Grace & Company bears the case number 01-01139. Debtor is a cross-defendant and alleged manufacturer of a product in a state strict products liability action entitled TIG INSURANCE v. GARY SMOLKER, et al., and related cross-actions, California Case No. BC 173952. Moving Parties, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and WAYNE MORRIS, are also cross-defendants to the same strict products liability action. However, Moving Parties only applied Debtor's product and never manufactured or supplied the product. Therefore, Moving Parties have a potential claim for indemnity against Debtor if a trier of fact finds Moving Parties liable under a strict products liability theory.

More specifically, the potential indemnity cross-complaint against Debtor arises out of an incident on October 15 and 16, 1996, in which HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. (hereinafter "Home Saving Inc."), a termite control company owned and operated by WAYNE MORRIS (hereinafter "Morris"), applied the product Syloid 244 to the condominium unit owned by GARY SMOLKER and ALICE SMOLKER (hereinafter "the Smolkers"). The Smolkers allege they have sustained personal injuries as a result of exposure to Syloid 244. Syloid 244 was manufactured and distributed by the Debtor, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY. On or about July 2, 1997, TIG INSURANCE COMPANY filed a declaratory relief action against the Smolkers seeking a declaration that TIG INSURANCE COMPANY is not responsible to pay any insurance proceeds to the Smolkers. Thereafter, in October of 1997, the Smolkers filed a cross-complaint against HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC., WAYNE MORRIS, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY and numerous other parties alleging 31 causes of action, including but not limited to a strict products liability cause of action

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against HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC., WAYNE MORRIS, and W.R. GRACE & COMPANY. This state court action, entitled TIG INSURANCE v. GARY SMOLKER, et al., and related cross-actions, Case No. BC 173952, was filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District.

The state court action referenced above is set to commence trial on June 11, 2001. Moving Parties have the potential to file a cross-complaint against Debtor for indemnity to recover any monies Moving Parties are forced to pay if a trier of fact finds the Smolkers sustained personal injuries as a result of a defective product manufactured and supplied by Debtor, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY. Moving Parties have yet to file the cross-complaint against Debtor because prior to the bankruptcy petition, Moving Parties and Debtor have maintained a joint defense agreement in the TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker action in which both parties agreed to cooperate and not file cross-complaints against each other.

On or about April 2, 2001, Debtor filed a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Petition in this Court. As a result, Moving Parties were forced to bring this proof of claim.

11.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Moving Parties, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and WAYNE MORRIS, have a claim against Debtor in the form of a state court indemnity cross-complaint against the Debtor.

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W.F/MORRIS AND RIKK THOMPSON

DECLARATION OF GARY E. YARDUMIAN

- I, Gary E. Yardumian, declare as follows:
- I am an attorney, duly licensed to practice law in all the courts of the State of California, and am admitted to practice in the United States District Court, Central District of California. I am a partner with the law firm of Prindle, Decker & Amaro LLP, attorneys of record for Moving Parties, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC., and WAYNE MORRIS (hereinafter "Moving Parties"). I am the attorney primarily responsible for handling the state court action entitled <u>TIG Insurance</u> Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952. As such, I am readily familiar with the facts of this case and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration. If called upon as a witness, I could, and would, testify competently as follows:
- 2. I have retained the services of WILL REDFEARN of TYBOUT, REDFEARN & PELL, a member of the bar of this Court to represent HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC., and WAYNE MORRIS at the hearing in this action, and assist my firm in obtaining admission pro hac vice. Enclosed herein under separate cover is a copy of Moving Parties Motion and Order for Admission Pro Hac Vice.
- 3. The aforementioned state court action arises out of a October 15 and 16, 1996 incident in which HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. (hereinafter "Home Saving") applied the product Syloid 244 to GARY SMOLKER and ALICE SMOLKER (hereinafter "the Smolkers") condominium unit for the purpose of eradicating termites. The Smolkers allege they have sustained personal injuries as a result of exposure to Syloid 244.
- Syloid 244 was manufactured and distributed by Debtor, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY (hereinafter "Debtor").
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- 9. Moving Parties bring the instant Proof of Claim in order to preserve their rights to indemnity.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

,\2001, at Long Beach, California. Executed on April _

GARY E. YARDUMIAN, Declarant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, SHERRY RUGGIERO FALLON, certify that I am not less than 18 years of age; that service of the attached document was made on the individuals and/or entities below on the 6th day of August, 2001 by first class mail in accordance with BR 7004:

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EXHIBIT F

Claim No. 4070 (The Morris Claim)

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Name and address where notices should be sent: Princke, Decker & Amarro c/o Gary E. Yardumian 310 Golden Shore, 4th Floor	Check box if you have never received any notices from the hankruptey court in this case. Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.			
Account or other number by which creditor identifies Debtor:	Check here or replaces if this claim amends a previously filed claim, a	fates):		
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4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed:	\$			
If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete item 5 below. Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the clai	m. Attach itemized statement of all interest or addition	nal charges.		
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SECURED CLAIM (check this box if your claim is secured by collateral, including a right of setoff.)	N UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAI	M - Specify the priority of the claim.		
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□ Real Estate □ Other (Describe briefly)	☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).			
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UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIM				
A claim is unsecured if there is no collateral or lien on property of the debtor securing the claim or to the extent that the value of such property is less than the amount of the claim.				
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See General Instructions and Claims Bar Date Notice and its exhibits for names of all Debtors and "other names" used by the Debtors.

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SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING GRACE NON-ASBESTOS PROOF OF CLAIM FORMS

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In particular types of cases or circumstances, there may be exceptions to these general rules

This Proof of Claim form is for Creditors who have Non-Asbestos Claims against any of the Debtors. Non-Asbestos Claims are any claims against the Debtors as of a time immediately preceding the commencement of the Chapter 11 cases on April 2, 2001 other than Asbestos Personal Injury Claims, Asbestos Property Damage Claims, Zonolite Attic Insulation Claims, Settled Asbestos Claims or Medical Monitoring Claims, as defined on the enclosed General Instructions. More specifically, Non-Asbestos Claims are those claims against one or more of the Debtors, whether in the nature of or sounding in tort, contract, warranty or any other theory of law or equity for, relating to or arising by reason of, directly or indirectly, any injury, damage or economic loss caused or allegedly caused directly or indirectly by any of the Debtors or any products or materials manufactured, sold, supplied, produced, specified, selected, distributed or in any way marketed by one or more of the Debtors and arising or allegedly arising directly or indirectly, from acts or omissions of one or more of the Debtors, including, but not limited to, all claims, debts, obligations or liabilities for compensatory and punitive damages.

Administrative Expenses: Those claims for, among other things, the actual, necessary costs and expenses of preserving the estate as defined in Section 503 of the Bankruptcy Code that arose after the commencement of the case. A request for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to Section 503 of the Bankruptcy Code. This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense.

Secured Claim: A claim is a secured claim to the extent that the creditor has a lieu on property of the debtor (collateral) that gives the creditor the right to be paid from that property before creditors who do not have lieus on the property. Examples of lieus are a mortgage on real estate and a security interest in a car, truck, boat, television set, or other item of property. A lieu may have been obtained through a court proceeding before the bankruptcy case began; in some states a court judgment is a lieu. In addition, to the extent a creditor also owes money to the debtor (has a right to setoff), the creditor's claim may be a secured claim. (See also Unsecured Claim.)

Unsecured Claim: If a claim is not a secured claim, it is an unsecured claim. Unsecured claims are those claims for which a creditor has no lien on the debtor's property or the property on which a creditor has a lien is not worth enough to pay the creditor in full.

Unsecured Nonpriority Claim: Certain types of unsecured claims are given priority, so they are to be paid in bankruptcy cases before most other unsecured claims (if there is sufficient money or property available to pay these claims). The most common types of priority claims are listed on the proof of claim form. Unsecured claims that are not specifically given priority status by the bankruptcy laws are classified as Unsecured Nonpriority Claims.

Information about Creditor: Complete this section giving the name, address, and telephone number of the creditor to whom the debtor owes money or property, and the debtor's account number, if any. If anyone else has already filed a proof of claim relating to this debt, if you never received notices from the court which sent notice, or if this proof of claim replaces or amends a proof of claim that was already filed, check the appropriate box on the form.

- 1. Basis for Claim: Check the type of debt for which the proof of claim is being filed. If the type of debt is not listed, check "Other" and briefly describe the type of debt. If you were an employee of the debtor, fill in your social security number and the dates of work for which you were not paid.
- 2. Date Debt Incurred: Fill in the date the debt was first owed by the debtor.
- Court Judgments: If you have a court judgment for this debt, state the date the court entered the judgment.
- 4. Amount of Claim: Insert the amount of claim at the time the case was filed in the appropriate box based on your selected Classification of Claim in item 5. If interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim are included, check the appropriate place on the form and attach an itemization of the interest and charges.
- 5. Classification of Claim: Check either Secured, Unsecured Nonpriority or Unsecured Priority as appropriate. (See Definitions above.)
 - Unsecured Priority Claim: Check the appropriate place if you have an unsecured priority claim, and state the amount entitled to priority. (See Definitions, above). A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority if, for example, the claim is for more than the amount given priority by the law. Check the appropriate place to specify the type of priority claim.
- Credits: By signing this proof of claim, you are stating under oath that in calculating the amount of your claim, you have given the debtor credit for all
 payments received from the debtor.
- Supporting Documents: You must attach to this proof of claim form, copies of documents that show the debtor owes the debt claimed or, if the documents are too lengthy, a summary of those documents. If documents are not available, you must attach an explanation of why they are not available.

Be sure to date the claim and place original signature of chimant or person making claim for creditor where indicated at the hottom of the claim form. Please type or print name of individual under the signature. Be sure all items are answered on the claim form. If not applicable, insert "Not Applicable".

RETURN CLAIM FORM (WITH ATTACHMENTS, IF ANY) TO THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS AGENT FOR THE DEBTORS:

Claims Processing Agent Re: W. R. Grace & Co. Bankruptcy P.O. Box 1620 Faribault, MN 55021-1620

The Bar Date for filing all NON-ASBESTOS CLAIMS against the Debtors is March 31, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

DECLARATION OF GARY E. YARDUMIAN

- I, Gary E. Yardumian, declare as follows:
- 1. I am an attorney, duly licensed to practice law in all the courts of the State of California. I am a partner with the firm of Prindle, Decker & Amaro, LLP, attorneys of records for Moving Parties, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and WAYNE MORRIS (hereinafter "Moving Parties"). I am the attorney primarily responsible for handling the state court action entitled HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and WAYNE MORRIS TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952. As such, I am readily familiar with the facts of this case and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration. If called upon as a witness, I could, and would, testify competently as follows:
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- 6. The gravamen of the Smolkers' cross-complaint is that Syloid 244 is a defective product and was negligently applied by Home Saving. The state court action was filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court Central District.
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- 9. Moving Parties bring the instant Proof of Claim in order to preserve their rights to indemnity.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on #5" day of March, 2003

GARY E. YARDUMIAN, Declarant

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT ED

In Re:

W. R. GRACE & COMPANY,

Debtor.

TIG INSURANCE COMPANY, a California corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

Reference No.

Chapter 11 CLERK
U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT

Case No. BISTRICT GFOELAWARE

GARY SMOLKER, an individual, and ALICE SMOLKER, an individual, and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendant.

AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS : CONCERNING HOME SAVING TERMITE: CONTROL, INC. and W.F. MORRIS :

MOTION PURSUANT TO LOCAL DISTRICT COURT RULE 83.5(C) FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

Sherry Ruggiero Fallon (the "Movant"), a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of Delaware, an attorney admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and a partner in the firm of Tybout, Redfearn & Pell, hereby moves this Court for entry of an order permitting GARY E. YARDUMIAN, of the law firm of PRINDLE, DECKER & AMARO, LLP, 310 Golden Shore, Fourth Floor, Long Beach, California 90801-5511 (the "Admittee"), to practice pro hac vice before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, to represent HOME

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SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and W.F. MORRIS, pursuant to Local Rule 83.5(c) of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware. In support of the Motion, the Movant states as follows:

- 1. Mr. Gary E. Yardumian is a member in good standing of the Bar of the State of California. In addition, there are no disciplinary actions against him.
- 2. Attached as Exhibit A is the certificate of the Admittee pursuant to Local Rule 83.6(i) of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.
- 3. Movant requests that the Court allow this Motion so that Mr. Yardumian may file pleadings and appear and be heard at hearings in these chapter 11 cases.
- 4. No previous motion for relief sought herein has been made to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the Court enter an Order substantially in the form attached hereto, (i) permitting GARY E. YARDUMIAN to appear pro hac vice in association with the Movant as counsel to Home Saving Termite Control, Inc. and W. F. Morris in these chapter 11 cases, and (ii) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gary E. Yardumian
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Telephone Number: (562) 436-3946
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(302) 658-6901

Counsel to Home Saving Termite Control, Inc. and W. F. Morris

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The Admittee certifies that he is eligible for admission <u>pro hac vice</u> to this Court, is admitted to practice and in good standing in the jurisdiction shown in the paragraph above, submits to the disciplinary jurisdiction of this Court for any alleged misconduct which occurs in the course of, or in the preparation of, this action, and has access to, or has acquired, a copy of the local Rules of this Court and is generally familiar with such Rules.

GARY E.YARDIMTAN, ESQ. PRINDLE, DECKER & AMARO 310 Golden Shore, 4th Floor Long Beach, California 90802

MOTION GRANTED.

DATED:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re: : Chapter 11

W. R. GRACE & COMPANY, : Case No. 01-01139 JJF

Debtor.

TIG INSURANCE COMPANY, a California corporation,

Plaintiff,

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GARY SMOLKER, an individual, and ALICE SMOLKER, an individual, and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendant.

AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS : CONCERNING HOME SAVING TERMITE: CONTROL, INC. and W.F. MORRIS :

Reference No.

ORDER PURSUANT TO LOCAL DISTRICT COURT RULE 83.5(C) FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

Upon consideration of the foregoing Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, it is hereby

ORDERED that Gary E. Yardumian may appear and be heard at hearings in this chapter 11 case and any and all proceedings arising therein.

Dated: Wilmington, Delaware

Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, SHERRY RUGGIERO FALLON, hereby certify that I have had deposited in the mailbox at 300 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, on this 3 day of Moy , 2001, true and correct copies of the attached document(s) addressed to be served on the parties:

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re: : Chapter 11

W. R. GRACE & COMPANY, : Case No. 01-01139 JJF

Debtor.

TIG INSURANCE COMPANY, a California corporation,

Plaintiff,

. : DOCUMENTS OFFERED IN SUPPORT

: OF PROOF OF CLAIM

GARY SMOLKER, an individual, and ALICE SMOLKER, an individual, and DOES 1-10, inclusive,

Defendant.

AND RELATED CROSS-ACTIONS : CONCERNING HOME SAVING TERMITE:

CONCERNING HOME SAVING TERMITE: CONTROL, INC. and W.F. MORRIS:

COMES NOW, Creditors, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. AND WAYNE MORRIS, hereby submit the following Memorandum of Points and Authorities and Declaration of Gary E. Yardumian in support of proof of claim.

MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I.

STATEMENT OF REASONS IN SUPPORT OF CLAIM

There is currently pending before this Court a Petition for Relief under 11 U.S.C. §§ 1101. et seq., relating to the affairs of Debtor, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY (hereinafter "Debtor". Said Petition

entitled In Re W.R. Grace & Company bears the case number 01-01139. Debtor is a cross-defendant and alleged manufacture of a product in a state strict liability action entitled TIG INSURANCE v. GARY SMOLKER, et al., and related cross-actions, California Case No. BC 173952. Moving Parties, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and WAYNE MORRIS, are also cross-defendants to the same strict products liability action. However, Moving Parties only applied Debtor's product and never manufactured or supplied the product. Therefore, Moving parties have a potential claim for indemnity against Debtor if a trier of facts finds Moving Parties liable under strict products liability theory.

More specifically, the potential indemnity cross-complaint against Debtor arises out of an incident on October 15 and 16, 1996, in which HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. (hereinafter "Home Saving, Inc."), a termite control company owned and operated by WAYNE MORRIS (hereinafter "Morris"), applied the product Syloid 244 to the condominium unit owned by GARY SMOLKER and ALICE SMOLKER (Hereinafter "the Smolkers"). The Smolkers allege they have sustained personal injuries as a result of exposure to Syloid 244. Syloid 244 was manufactured and distributed by the Debtor, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY. On or about July 2, 1997, TIG INSURANCE COMPANY filed a declaratory relief action against the Smolkers seeking a declaration that TIG INSURANCE COMPANY is not responsible to pay any insurance proceeds to the Smolkers. Therafter, in October of 1997, the Smolkers filed a cross-complaint against HOME SAVING

TERMITE CONTROL, INC., WAYNE MORRIS, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY and numerous other parties alleging 31 causes of action, including by not limited to a strict products liability cause of action against HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC., WAYNE MORRIS, and W.R. GRACE & COMPANY. This state court action, entitled TIG INSURANCE v. GARY SMOLKER, et al., and related cross-actions, Case No. BC 173952, was filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court, Central District.

The state court action referenced above to set to commence trial on June 11, 2001. Moving Parties are forced to pay if a trier of fact finds the Smolkers sustained personal injuries as a result of a defective product manufactured and supplied by Debtor, W.R. GRACE & COMPANY. Moving Parties have yet to file the cross-complaint against Debtor because prior to the bankruptcy petition, Moving Parties and Debtor have maintained a joint defense agreement in the TIG Insurance v. Gary Smolker action in which parties agreed to cooperate and not file cross-complaints against each other.

On or about April 2, 2001, Debtor filed a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Petition in this Court. As a result, Moving Parties were forced to bring this proof of claim.

II.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Moving Parties, HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL, INC. and WAYNE MORRIS, have a claim against Debtor in the form of a state court indemnity cross-complaint against the Debtor.

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01/30/2015	32496 (366 pgs; 11 docs)	Thirty-Sixth Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, Estate of Jeffrey B. Chwala, et al. v. TEC (Thermal Emission Control), et al., Case No. 2002CV000495 (EAU Claire County Wisconsin 2002) (Substantive Objection). Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al Hearing scheduled for 3/4/2015 at 10:00 AM at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware. Objections due by 3/2/2015. (Attachments: # 1 Notice # 2 Exhibit A # 3 Exhibit B # 4 Exhibit C # 5 Exhibit D # 6 Exhibit E # 7 Exhibit F # 8 Exhibit G # 9 Exhibit H # 10 Certificate of Service and Service List) (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 2/2/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 01/30/2015)
01/30/2015	32497 (98 pgs; 10 docs)	Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County SUP, CT.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection). Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al Hearing scheduled for 3/4/2015 at 10:00 AM at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware. Objections due by 3/2/2015. (Attachments: # 1 Notice # 2 Exhibit A # 3 Exhibit B # 4 Exhibit C # 5 Exhibit D # 6 Exhibit E # 7 Exhibit F # 8 Exhibit G # 9 Certificate of Service and Service List) (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 2/2/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 01/30/2015)
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02/03/2015	32499 (23 pgs; 4 docs)	Motion Requesting Entry of an Order: (A) Filing Joint Defense Agreement Under Seal; and (B) Applying the Protective Provisions of Fed. R. Evid. 502 Thereto. Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al Hearing scheduled for 3/4/2015 at 10:00 AM at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware. Objections due by 2/23/2015. (Attachments: #1 Notice #2 Exhibit A #3 Certificate of Service) (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 2/4/2015 (LMD). (Entered:

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02/03/2015	32501 (11 pgs; 2 docs)	Amended Notice of Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County SUP, CT.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection). (related document(s)32497) Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al Hearing scheduled for 3/4/2015 at 10:00 AM at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware. (Attachments: # 1 Certificate of Service and Service List) (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 2/4/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 02/03/2015)
02/04/2015	32502	[SEALED] Notice of Service Joint Defense and Confidentiality Agreement (related document(s)32499) Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A) (O'Neill, James) (Entered: 02/04/2015)
02/04/2015	32503 (87 pgs; 7 docs)	Anderson Memorial Hospital's Reply In Support of Motion to Alter or Amend Order Denying Motion for Class Certification and for Entry of Scheduling Order and Granting Related Relief. (related document(s)18221, 31812, 32233) Filed by Anderson Memorial Hospital, SC (Attachments: # 1 Tab A # 2 Tab B # 3 Tab C # 4 Tab D # 5 Tab E # 6 Certificate of Service) (Tacconelli, Theodore) Modified docket text on 2/5/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 02/04/2015)
02/10/2015	32504 (81 pgs; 5 docs)	Request for Status Hearing to Set Briefing Schedule for Summary Judgment Regarding Claim No. 7021, Filed By Norfolk Southern Railway, and the Pending Objection Thereto [Hearing Date: March 4, 2015 at 10:00 A.M.].

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02/18/2015	32506 (1 pg)	Order Scheduling Omnibus Hearings. All hearings will be held at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware (Related document(s)32505). Omnibus Hearings scheduled for 4/14/2015 at 10:00 AM., 6/9/2015 at 10:00 AM. Signed on 2/11/2015. (LMD) (Entered: 02/18/2015)
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02/24/2015	32508 (11 pgs; 3 docs)	Certification of Counsel Regarding Stipulation to Adjourn Hearing Date for Anderson Memorial Hospital's Motion to Alter or Amend Order Denying Motion for Class Certification. (related document(s)31812, 31856, 31873, 32044, 32068, 32324, 32417) Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit A # 2 Affidavit of Service) (O'Neill, James) (Entered: 02/24/2015)
02/27/2015	32509 (7 pgs; 2 docs)	Certificate of No Objection Regarding Motion Requesting Entry of an Order: (A) Filing Joint Defense Agreement Under Seal; and (B) Applying the Protective Provisions of Fed.R.Evid. 502 Thereto. (related document(s)32499) Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al (Attachments: # 1 Certificate of Service) (O'Neill, James) (Entered: 02/27/2015)
02/27/2015	32510 (8 pgs)	Response to the Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned TIG Insurance Company v Gary Smolker, et.al., Case No. BC173952 (Los Angeles County Superior Court), Dated January 30, 2015 ("the 37th Omnibus Objection"). (related document(s)32497) Filed by Gary S. Smolker (LMD) (Entered: 02/27/2015)

02/27/2015	32511 (47 pgs; 8 docs)	Motion for an Order Implementing the Plan's Discharge of Prepetition Litigation Claims and the Related Injunction Where Claimants Did Not File Proofs of Claim. Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al Hearing scheduled for 4/14/2015 at 10:00 AM at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware. Objections due by 3/17/2015. (Attachments: # 1 Notice # 2 Exhibit A # 3 Exhibit B # 4 Exhibit C # 5 Exhibit D # 6 Exhibit E # 7 Certificate of Service) (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 2/27/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 02/27/2015)
03/02/2015	32512 (12 pgs; 2 docs)	Notice of Agenda of Matters Scheduled for Hearing Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al Hearing scheduled for 3/4/2015 at 10:00 AM at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware. (Attachments: # 1 Certificate of Service) (O'Neill, James) (Entered: 03/02/2015)
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03/03/2015	32514 (3 pgs)	Protective Order Pursuant to Fed. R. Evid. 502. (Related Document 32499,32509) Order Signed on 3/3/2015. (LMD) (Modified By Adding Related Numbers on 3/4/2015 (JohnstonJ, Julie). (Entered: 03/03/2015)
03/03/2015	32515 (5 pgs; 2 docs)	Order (WITH REVISION MADE BY THE COURT) Approving Stipulation to Adjourn Hearing Date for Anderson Memorial Hospital's Motion to Alter or Amend Order Denying Motion for Class Certification.(related document(s)31812, 32068, 32324, 32508) Order Signed on 3/3/2015. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit "1") (LMD) (Entered: 03/03/2015)
03/04/2015	32516 (2 pgs)	Hearing Held/Court Sign-In Sheet (related document(s) 32504, 32512) (LMD) (Entered: 03/04/2015)
03/04/2015	32517 (5 pgs; 2 docs)	Order Disallowing and Expunging Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, Estate of Jeffrey B. Chwala, et al. v. TEC (Thermal Emission Control), et al., Case No. 2002CV000495 (EAU Claire County Wisconsin 2002) (Substantive Objection). (related

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03/04/2015	32518 (4 pgs; 2 docs)	Order Lifting Injunction in Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County SUP, CT.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection). (related document(s)32497) Order Signed on 3/4/2015. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit "1") (LMD) (Entered: 03/04/2015)
03/04/2015	32519 (6 pgs)	Affidavit of Service for service of [Signed] Order Pursuant to Fed.R.Evid. 502. (related document(s)32514) Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 3/6/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 03/04/2015)
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03/04/2015	32521 (6 pgs)	Affidavit of Service for service of [Signed] Thirty-Sixth Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, Estate of Jeffrey B. Chwala, et al. v. TEC (Thermal Emission Control), et al., Case No. 2002CV000495 (Eau Claire County Wisconsin 2002) (Substantive Objection). (related document(s)32517) Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 3/6/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 03/04/2015)
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03/04/2015	32523 (8 pgs; 2 docs)	Notice of Rescheduled Hearing on April 14, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. Before The Honorable Kevin J. Carey. Filed by W.R. Grace & Co., et al Hearing scheduled for 4/14/2015 at 10:00 AM at US Bankruptcy Court, 824 Market St., 5th Fl., Courtroom #5, Wilmington, Delaware. (Attachments: # 1 Certificate of Service and Service List) (O'Neill, James) Modified docket text on 3/6/2015 (LMD). (Entered: 03/04/2015)
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W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1)	Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)
W. R. GRACE & CO., <u>et al.</u> ,).	(Jointly Administered)
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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Chapter 11
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1) Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)) (Jointly Administered)
Reorganized Debtors.	Hearing Date: March 4, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. Objection Deadline: March 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
	Re: Docket No. 32497

AMENDED NOTICE OF THIRTY-SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS FILED REGARDING PREPETITION LITIGATION CAPTIONED, TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET AL., CASE NO. BC 173952 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUP. CT.) (JANAVS, J.) (SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION)

TO: (i) The Reorganized Debtors; (ii) Office of the United States Trustee; (iii) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PI Trust; (iv) Counsel for the Asbestos PI Future Claimants Representative; (v) Counsel for the Asbestos PD Futures Claimants Representative; (vi) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PD Trust (7A); (vii) Counsel for the WRG Asbestos PD Trust (7B); (viii) Counsel for the CDN ZAI PD Claims Fund; (ix) those parties that requested service and notice of papers in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002; (x) the Claimants; and (xi) the parties listed on the proof of service mailing list for the California State Court Litigation.

On January 30, 2015, the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Reorganized Debtors") filed the attached *Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al.*, Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection) (the "Objection") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (the "Bankruptcy Court"). A true and correct copy of the Objection is attached hereto.

The Reorganized Debtors comprise W. R. Grace & Co. (f/k/a Grace Specialty Chemicals, Inc., or "Grace") and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. ("Grace-Conn.").

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Responses to the relief requested in the Objection, if any, must be in writing and be filed with the Bankruptcy Court no later than 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) on March 2, 2015. At the same time, you must also serve a copy of the objections or responses, if any, upon the following: (i) co-counsel for the Reorganized Debtors, Adam Paul, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654 (fax 312-862-2200), Roger J. Higgins, The Law Offices of Roger Higgins, LLC, 1 North Bishop Street, Suite 14, Chicago, IL 60607 (fax 312-577-0737), and James E. O'Neill, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, DE 19899-8705 (Courier 19801) (fax 302-652-4400); (ii) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, Michael Magzamen, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038-4982 (fax 212-806-6006), and Michael R. Lastowski, Duane, Morris & Heckscher, LLP, 1100 N. Market Street, Suite 1200, Wilmington, 19801-1246 (fax 302-657-4901); (iii) counsel to the Official Committee of Asbestos Property Damage Claimants, Scott L. Baena, Bilzin, Sumberg, Baena, Price & Axelrod, 1450 Brickell Avenue, Suite 2300, Miami, FL 33131 (fax 305-374-7593), and Michael B. Joseph, Ferry & Joseph, P.A., 824 Market Street, Suite 904, P.O. Box 1351, Wilmington, DE 19899 (fax 302-575-1714); (iv) counsel to the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants, Elihu Inselbuch, Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered, 375 Park Avenue, 35th Floor, New York, NY 10152-3500 (fax 212-644-6755), and Marla Eskin, Campbell & Levine, LLC, 222 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1620, Wilmington, DE 19801 (fax 302-426-9947); (v) counsel to the Official Committee of Equity Holders, Thomas M. Mayer, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022 (fax 212-715-8000), and Teresa K.D. Currier, Saul Ewing LLP, 222 Delaware Avenue P.O. Box 1266, Wilmington, DE 19899-1397 (fax 302-421-6813); (vi) counsel to the Asbestos PI Future Claimants' Representative, Richard H. Wyron, Orrick,

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IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE TIMELY FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BANKRUPTCY COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

IN THE EVENT THAT ANY OBJECTION OR RESPONSE IS FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, A HEARING ON THE MOTION WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE HONORABLE KEVIN J. CAREY AT THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, 824 MARKET STREET, FIFTH FLOOR, COURTROOM 5,

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I, James E. O'Neill, hereby certify that on the day of February, 2015, I caused a copy of the following document to be served on the individuals on the attached service list in the manner indicated:

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I agree to the lifting of the stay order so that the Colifornia
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Thank you.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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)	Response Deadline: March 2, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.
		Re: Docket No. 32497 Claim No. 392 Claimant Gary S. Smolker

CLAIMANT GARY S. SMOLKER'S RESPONSE TO THE
THIRTY-SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO
CERTAIN CLAIMS FILED REGARDING PREPETITION LITIGATION
CAPTIONED TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET. AL.,
CASE NO. BC 173952 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT),
DATED JANUARY 30, 2015 ("the 37th Omnibus Objection")

TO THE HONORABLE COURT,

I am in receipt of the 37th Omnibus Objection.

This response is directed to the 37th Omnibus Objection.

My name is Gary S. Smolker.

I am a claimant in the bankruptcy of the W. R. Grace & Co. in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 01-01139.

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My PROOF OF CLAIM, dated June 6, 2001, was filed on or about August 27, 2001 with the Clerk, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware and has been assigned Claim Number 392.

I am the person with whom counsel for the Reorganized Debtors should communicate with respect to the claim or objection thereto or my response thereto, and I possess authority to reconcile, settle, or otherwise resolve the objection to the Disputed Claim on behalf of the Claimant, who is me, myself.

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In the 37th Omnibus Objection co-counsel for the Reorganized Debtors state they will ask the Court to enter an Order permitting the California State Court Litigation pending in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, captioned *TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 173952* to proceed to judgment, if I respond to the 37th Omnibus Objection.

I too would like, and request, the Court to enter an Order permitting the California State Court Litigation pending in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, captioned TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 173952 to proceed to judgment.

WHEREFORE, I, claimant Gary S. Smolker, request the Court enter an Oder permitting the California State Court Litigation pending in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, captioned TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 173952 to proceed to judgment.

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On February 25, 2015, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled CLAIMANT GARY S. SMOLKER'S RESPONSE TO THIRTY-SEVENTH OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS FILED REGARDING THE PREPETION LITIGATION CAPTIONED <u>TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET. AL.</u>, CASE NO BC 173952 (LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT), DATED JANUARY 30, 2015 the original of which is affixed hereto,

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Re: Grace - Smolker Claims

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

Mr. Higgins,

Thank you for taking my call this morning.

Summarizing action items we discussed:

- 1. My current address is Gary S. Smolker, Smolker Law Firm, 16055 Ventura Blvd., Suite 525, Encino, CA 91436.
- 2. I have moved my office from Marina del Rey to Encino, California since the Grace Bankruptcy Petition was filed and my bankruptcy proof of claim was filed about 15 years ago.
- 3. You will see to it that the mailing list for service of papers in Grace bankruptcy matters is updated to specify my current new address in Encino, CA.: Gary Smolker, Smolker Law Firm, 16055 Ventura Blvd., Suite 525, Encino, CA. 91436.
- 4. My email address is <u>GSmolker@aol.com</u>. You will email a copy of a signed order lifting the injunction which stayed prosecution of the State Court action to me at that address.
- 5. I have no objection to the Bankruptcy Court lifting the injunction which stayed prosecution of the State Court action: *TIG Insurance Co. v. Gary Smolker, et al.* Case No. BC 173952 in Los Angeles Superior Court.
- 6. You will ask Ms. Lewis, counsel for Grace in the State Court action, to reach out to me so that we may coordinate prosecution of the State Court action going forward and will forward to me Ms. Lewis' contact information.

If convenient, please also send me a copy of Section 8.1.1 in the Plan which specifies the terms of the injunction being lifted.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Smolker,

Please find attached the form of order that Grace proposes to hand up at tomorrow's hearing.

Please note that it lifts the injunction to permit the California state litigation to go forward, while also preserving Grace's existing objection to the claims.

This will preserve the rights of both Grace and yourself (and the other claimant) on a going-forward basis.

Please confirm that you have no objection to entry of the order in the form attached hereto.

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1		Case No. 01-01139 (KJC) (Jointly Administered)
Reorganized Debtors.)	
•)	Re docket no. 32497 Hearing Agenda item no. 7

ORDER LIFTING INJUNCTION IN PREPETITION LITIGATION CAPTIONED, <u>TIG</u>
INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET AL., CASE NO. BC 173952 (LOS
ANGELES COUNTY SUP. CT.) (JANAVS, J.) (SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION)

Upon consideration of the Thirty-Seventh Omnibus Objection to Certain Claims Filed Regarding Prepetition Litigation Captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (Substantive Objection) (the "Claims Objection"), and it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Reorganized Debtors, their estates, their creditors and other parties-in-interest; the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and that this Court may enter an order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; venue being proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; notice of the Motion having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED that:²

The Reorganized Debtors comprise W. R. Grace & Co. (f/k/a Grace Specialty Chemicals, Inc., or "Grace") and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. ("Grace-Conn.").

Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in, as the case may be, the Claims Objection or the First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code of W.

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- 1. The Claims Objection is granted solely to the extent that the injunction set forth in Plan § 8.1.1 is lifted, and the litigation captioned, TIG Insurance Company v. Gary Smolker, et al., Case No. BC 173952 (Los Angeles County Sup. Ct.) (Janavs, J.) (the "California State Court Litigation") may proceed to judgment.
- 2. The objection set forth in the Claims Objection remain pending.
- The Reorganized Debtors have leave to supplement the Claims Objection or file further objections to the claims list in Exhibit I hereto.
- 4. Notice of the Claims Objection as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such motion and the requirements of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(a) and the local rules of the Court are satisfied by such notice.
- 5. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or relating to the implementation of this Order and the allowance, or disallowance, as the case may be, of the Claims.
- 6. This Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry and its provisions shall be self-executing and shall not be stayed under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7062, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9014 or otherwise.

Dated: Mwh 4, 2015

Honorable Kevin J. Carey
United States Bankruptcy II

United States Bankruptcy Judge

R. Grace & Co., et al., the Official Committee of Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants, the Asbestos P1 Future Claimants' Representative, and the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders as Modified Through December 23, 2010 [Docket No. 26368] (the "Plan").

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EXHIBIT I

The Claims

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In re: W.R. GRACE CO., et al OMNIBUS 37 : EXHIBIT 1 - NO LIABILITY CLAIMS

		CIMPA NUMBER (C.)			Carlon Clara () And Andrews
1	HOME SAVING TERMITE CONTROL INC C/O PRINDLE DECKER & AMARO 310 GOLDEN SHORE 4TH FL LONG BEACH, CA 90802	387	01-01139	W.R. GRACE & CO.	UNKNOWN (U) UNLIQUIDATEO
2	MORRIS, WAYNE C/O GARY E YARDUMIAN PRINDLE DECKER & AMARRO 310 GOLDEN SHORE 4TH FLR LONG BEACH, CA 90802	4070	01-01139	W.R. GRACE & CO,	UNKNOWN (P) UNLIQUIDATED
3	SMOLKER, GARY S 4720 LINGOLN BLVD #280 MARINA DEL REY, CA 90292	392	01-01139	W.R. GRACE & CÓ.	\$3,500,000,00 (U) UNLIQUIDATED
				Total:	\$3,600,000.00 (U)

The classification of the claims set forth herein is the classification asserted on the filed proof of claim. The Debtors include such classification for the purpose of identifying the claim to which the objection applies. The inclusion of the classification shall not constitute an acknowledgement by the Debtors that such classification is correct or appropriate.

Plus, in certain instances, additional contingencies, unliquidated amounts, interest, penalities and/or fees.
 (A) Administrative (S) Secured (P) Priority (U) Unsecured

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
W. R. GRACE & CO., et al., 1)	Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)
Reorganized Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	Re: Docket No. 32518
	AFFIDAVIT C	F SERVICE
STATE OF DELAWARE)	
COUNTY OF NEW CASTLE)SS)	

Patricia E. Cuniff, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is employed by the law firm of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, co-counsel for the Reorganized Debtors, in the above-captioned action, and that on the 4th day of March, 2015, she caused a copy of the following document to be served upon the attached service list in the manner indicated:

[SIGNED] THIRTY-SEVENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CERTAIN CLAIMS FILED REGARDING PREPETITION LITIGATION CAPTIONED, <u>TIG INSURANCE COMPANY V. GARY SMOLKER, ET AL.</u>, CASE NO. BC 173952 (LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUP. CT.) (JANAVS, J.) (SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION)

Patricia E. Cuniff

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 4th day of March, 2015

KA JOHN BOWER NOTARY PUBLIC

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STATE OF DELAWARE

My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires October 14, 2016

The Reorganized Debtors comprise W. R. Grace & Co. (f/k/a Grace Specialty Chemicals, Inc., or "Grace") and W. R. Grace & Co.-Conn. ("Grace-Conn.").

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